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Doctors struggle to save Khomeini's life

NICOSIA, June 3, (Agencies): Doctors fought to save the life of Iran's 86-year-old supreme leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, after a turn for the worse today in his recovery from major surgery.

Khomeini's office, controlled by his son and chief aide, Ahmad, appealed to the revolutionary leader's Shiite Muslim followers to keep praying for his recovery.

A statement broadcast on Tehran Radio described the change in Khomeini's condition as a "complication" but gave no details.

It said doctors were attempting to carry out the necessary treatment but it hoped and expected that the prayers of the people would be answered.

"We call on all the pious nation to continue their sincere prayers," the statement said.

On May 23 he underwent surgery, described as successful, to stop bleeding in his digestive tract. The cause of the bleeding has not been specified in medical bulletins from Tehran.

Today's setback in his post-operative treatment was announced in Tehran Radio's main evening news programme at 8 pm (1630 GMT) — five hours after it took place.

The official statement said that "at 3 pm today a complication arose during the imam's treatment."

The official announcement did not say in so many words that his life was in danger but major surgery is bound to be perilous for a man of Khomeini's age and the impression given by the official media was that his survival was uncertain.

Aside from news reports and brief film of earlier prayers for his recovery, Tehran Radio and Television continued broadcasting normal programmes.

There was no immediate indication that Iran's official media were preparing the nation for an announcement of his death.

But the report that Khomeini's condition had worsened made a sharp contrast with

earlier medical bulletins stressing that he was making a normal recovery and taking solid food.

On Thursday, Tehran Television said that Khomeini got out of bed to visit with friends and relatives outside the hospital building. It showed film of the white-bearded leader sitting in the open air, performing his prayers.

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Massacre in Beijing

At least 55 killed, over 200 injured

BEIJING, June 4, (Agencies): Tanks and armoured personnel carriers rumbled into Beijing's Tiananmen Square in a dawn assault today, rolling over tents and shooting pro-democracy demonstrators, witnesses said.

Machine-gun fire raked the square.

The attack capped seven hours of a bloody attack aimed at retaking the square from protesters who held it for more than three weeks in a bid for political reform.

Explosions could be heard in the distance.

Doctors and witnesses said at least 55 people died and more than 200 were wounded in the assault around the city as troops smashed through barricades on their way to the square. Another 20 people died according to unconfirmed accounts.

Western witnesses said they saw limp bodies being carried from the square, the heart of Chinese communism. It was unclear how many people were killed or injured in the assault.

Nasser Al Nasser wins the judges with his mischief at last week's "Diplomats of Goodwill" contest held by the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait. Nasser won the contest and the title of "Little Mr. Ambassador of Goodwill."

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(Photograph by Javed Basra)

Kuwaiti girl found dead

A POLICE patrol attached to Ahmadi Governorate found the dead and naked body of an eight-year-old Kuwaiti girl near a company fence West of Fintas area.

According to reports in a local daily, the girl disappeared last Wednesday and her family had reported the disappearance to the police.

Investigations are under progress, but no details have been revealed, the daily added.

FBI agent to visit Zia crash site

WASHINGTON, June 3, (AP): The FBI is sending an agent to the site of the August plane crash that killed Pakistani President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq and US Ambassador Arnold Raphael, an agency official confirmed.

The agent will be sent within a week, nearly 10 months after the FBI was initially shut out of the investigation, said Oliver Revell, executive assistant director for investigations.

The aim will be to seek evidence at the site where the plane went down Aug 17, killing the two officials and 27 others, including Brig. Gen. Herbert Wassom, the chief US defence representative to Pakistan.

Pakistan's official report on the crash has been under review by the FBI since October. It concludes that sabotage was the cause but does not pinpoint those responsible.

Revell said the FBI has completed its review of the report.

He said the decision to keep the FBI out of the investigation appears to have come from within the National Security Council.

Congressman Bill Hughes has been critical of the FBI's exclusion from the investigation, saying it is the only agency with the expertise to determine whether Zia and Raphael were victims of terrorism.



A Beijing citizen covers his face to protect himself from tear-gas.

Bush deplores action

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, June 3, (Reuters): President George Bush said today he deplored the Chinese government's decision to use force against protesters and urged a return to non-violence.

"I deeply deplore the decisions to use force against peaceful demonstrators and the consequent loss of life," Bush said in a written statement released by the White House while he vacationed at his seaside home here.

"We have been urging and continue to urge non-violence, restraint and dialogue," Bush said. "Tragically, another course has been chosen.

"Again, I urge a return to non-violent means for dealing with the current situation."

Bush, a former US envoy to China with close personal ties with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, implied that the violence could damage Washington's relations with Beijing.

Earlier, Secretary of State James Baker urged Chinese officials and demonstrators today to use restraint.

"Unfortunately, the situation in China is turning ugly and chaotic," he said. "It is a situation that is not a happy one."

"This is a matter of great concern to the United States," Baker said.

■ Britain has called on the Chinese government to show restraint and avoid further bloodshed. "We are gravely concerned at reports of violent clashes and loss of life," a Foreign Office spokesman said in London.

Taiwan pop singer Hou Dejian, who had been in the square on a hunger strike for democracy, met with a Chinese troops commander and agreed that demonstrators would withdraw from the square by 7 am (2200 GMT Saturday), Western reporters said.

But the troops moved in more than one hour before the deadline and opened fire.

People fled into alleyways along the square as troops sitting on dozens of armoured personnel carriers fired in their direction, hitting some residents as they watched from their windows.

People shouted: "Fascists, hooligans" and "Kill Li Peng," China's Premier who declared martial law in parts of Beijing on May 20 to quell the anti-government protests.

Chinese demonstrators spoke of people being crushed under the tracks of the armoured vehicles, but this could not be confirmed independently.

The casualty toll was expected to climb as witnesses reported bodies lying in central Tiananmen Square and surrounding streets, the focal point of the greatest challenge to the communist government in its almost 40 years in rule.

Witnesses reported seeing dozens of three-wheeled pedicabs following in the wake of screaming ambulances, carrying an unknown number of casualties and counted at least seven dead bodies.

In the heart of the 100-acre (40 ha) square, the world's largest public plaza, about 10,000 students and civilians, including four hunger-strikers, defied the massive show of military might and stood their ground at the foot of the Monument to the People's Heroes.

Students demanding greater democracy who have occupied the square in defiance of the martial law formed protective lines around foreign journalists on the top level of the monument's multi-tiered base.

At Shuiji hospital, a foreign

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Fate sealed: a beaten demonstrator staggers away from troops



A student with gunshot wound to the head is wheeled into a hospital. (Reuters wirephotos)

Good times, bad times of Marcos look-alike

SILAY, Philippines, June 3, (AP): Crowds cheered when they saw Ferdinand Marcos waving to them on a campaign stop — or thought that's what they saw. That's one of the pleasant memories held by Marcos look-alike Jesus Quevenco.

Quevenco, an affable insurance executive, once had such an uncanny resemblance to Marcos that the former president called him "brother."

Quevenco, now 65, said he worked as a "stand-in" during Marcos' successful bid for the presidency in 1964 and 1965, appearing at rallies and meetings where his employer had decided not to speak.

The best part, he said, was getting the table of his choice at the best restaurants and squiring Marcos' beautiful wife, Imelda. The worst part was getting mistaken for Marcos years later when the former

president's popularity plummeted.

But the resemblance was both a boon and a bane.

"When he was doing well, I was proud," he said.

"But when he was doing bad, I got the beating."

During one visit to Manila, Quevenco and his friends showed up at the Playboy Club, announced that the president was arriving and demanded "that a table be cleared immediately."

The staff dutifully complied. Quevenco, finding himself surrounded by fawning waitresses seeking autographs, told them: "I'm just a brother."

But in 1972, when Marcos' popularity was low, Quevenco said he was nearly lynched when student protesters spotted him on a Manila street and began shouting "It's Marcos, it's Marcos."

"I was afraid," he said. "I ran down the street, ducked into a department store, got rid of my coat,

bought a pair of glasses, and slipped away."

These days, Quevenco still gets some attention for his looks, though he bears less resemblance at present to the ailing former president who now lives in Hawaii. He says his friends still often tease him as "Mr. President." He recently appeared in the role of Marcos, hooked up to intravenous tubes in a civic club skit in his hometown titled "Straight from Hawaii."

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Manglapus complains

Aquino opponents active

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3, (Reuters): Critics of Philippine President Corazon Aquino, trying to discredit her three-year-old government, are becoming more active in the United States, her Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus said.

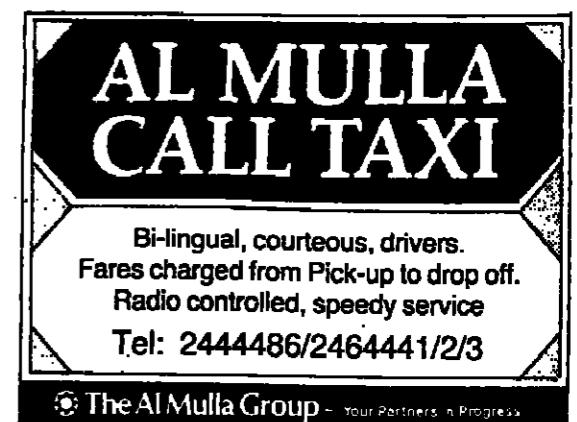
Manglapus said in a speech to several hundred Filipino-Americans in San Francisco last night that the government had made significant economic progress since Ferdinand Marcos was deposed in February 1986.

"Now, a few Filipinos who have not allowed themselves to be brought into reality would like us to give all of this up, to bring us back to some form of dictatorship or third-rate banana republicanism," Manglapus said.

No reason was given for the move. Political sources said the ministry proved inefficient during a major operation to rebuild the southern port of Basra, shattered during the eight-year war with Iran.

Basra's Governor, Anwar Saeed Omar Al Hadithi, was appointed one of the new undersecretaries.

The Local Government Minister, Adnan Daoud Salman, was dismissed yesterday after almost six years in the job.



INTERNATIONAL

Reforms top priority: Uno

TOKYO, June 3. (Agencies): Prime Minister Sosuke Uno spent his first full day in office today in a mixture of imperial tradition and fresh declarations that Japanese politics won't be the same any more.

Uno rejected the opinion of many commentators and the opposition parties that he would be only an interim prime minister.

"It is not an interim cabinet, and I can tell you that it will be a cabinet which will be highly appraised," he said.

Uno and the 20 members of his new cabinet, clad in morning suits, went to the imperial palace for a solemn audience with Emperor Akihito. Each member bowed to the monarch, who was receiving his first new government since he ascended the throne Jan 7 upon the death of his father, Emperor Hirohito.

Uno, 66, was foreign minister in the cabinet of his predecessor, Noboru Takeshita, and held a series of key posts in earlier governments. But he has no personal power base in his Liberal Democratic

Party.

Uno today made reform his top priority to restore public faith after the country's worst post-war political scandal.

"I will carry out political, administrative, fiscal reforms and all reforms," Uno told a news conference.

In a first step, Uno said he and his 20 cabinet ministers would disclose not only their assets but those of their families as well. They would also restrain their share transactions and freeze currently-owned shares during their terms in office.

He said he was planning a body to promote political reform in the LDP and to appoint an LDP vice-president to take charge of the matter.

He said he would strive to tackle political reforms because they were the most important task facing his cabinet.

Takeshita stepped down after taking responsibility for the country's Recruit shares-for-favours scandal in which two parliamentarians were indicted for taking bribes.

Security stepped up

Frankfurt airport on alert

FRANKFURT, June 3. (AP): Authorities have stepped up security at Frankfurt airport after receiving indications that Middle East terrorists may be planning an attack, a spokesman said today.

Christian Jalecke, spokesman for the Hesse state Interior Ministry, said the alert was linked to the sentencing last month of TWA hijacker Mohammed Ali Hamadi.

Hamadi, a Lebanese Shiite Muslim, was convicted of murder and air piracy in the June 1985 TWA hijacking and was sentenced to life imprisonment by a Frankfurt court on May 17.

Less than a week after Hamadi's sentencing, authorities ordered all airports in the country to tighten security.

Jalecke said the latest alert came after authorities received indications that a terrorist group may be planning a retaliatory attack for Hamadi's sentencing.

He said the information received by authorities focused on a terrorist action against air traffic.

Benazir – Bush talks will be vital

WASHINGTON, June 3. (UPI): The continuing war in Afghanistan, Pakistan's nuclear programme and its desire for more F-16 warplanes are expected to top the agenda during Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's meetings in Washington starting tomorrow.

Benazir, in her first official visit as prime minister to the United States, is a political paradox — a dominant woman leader in an Islamic country where women's backward status is reflected in a female literacy rate of only 16 per cent. A graduate of Radcliffe College and Oxford University, she also holds the cabinet portfolios for defence, finance and information.

Thomas Thornton, of the Johns Hopkins School of advanced international studies said, "Benazir Bhutto and George Bush are heirs to a relationship that has oscillated between periods of excessive enthusiasm and others of dangerous hostility."

Signs

The relationship is now in one of its peaks of enthusiasm, but there are signs that it is heading for some rocky times, despite the evident enthusiasm of the US government about a US-educated, liberal young woman heading the government of a valued ally in South Asia.

The Pakistani Foreign Minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, who has been in Washington for the last week, laying the groundwork for the Benazir talks said last week "there will be in-depth discussions on Afghanistan, the regional situation, and Pakistan's relations with neighbouring countries," a reference to continuing strains with India.

He said Benazir would push for an additional 60 F-16 aircraft, to add to the 51 already in the Pakistani inventory. Pakistan has offered to pay cash for the planes, a deal that would amount to \$1.4 billion, but India has expressed uneasiness to the United States about the aircraft shifting the military balance in the area.

Pakistan is also seeking Harpoon ship-to-ship missiles, with an obvious eye toward matching India's naval superiority.

Another area of possible difference is the war in Afghanistan, which has continued despite the withdrawal in February of all Soviet ground combat troops.

The Afghan rebels who are being financed by the United States and Saudi Arabia, with weapons shipped through Pakistan, have failed to take the city of Jalalabad, and have suffered heavy casualties.

Impatience

The battle is being directed by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate, known as the ISI, which has tended to favour the more fundamentalist Afghan leaders. US intelligence officials have expressed impatience with the bogged down rebel campaign and have shown disquiet over the possibility that the mujahedeen are moving toward more radical forms of Islamic practices.

The Afghan refugees in Pakistan continue to be a source of instability and political problems for Benazir.

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Going directly to jail

US marshals lead John E. List away from federal court in Richmond, Virginia after his arrest for the deaths of his mother, wife and three children.

FBI agents arrested List on Thursday in an accounting office in Richmond, Virginia, wrapping up a search that had led to all 50 states, Europe and South America.

The arrest came 11 days after the Fox Television Network in the United States broadcast details of List's case on a popular programme called, "America's Most Wanted."

The show re-enacted the slayings, and displayed photos of List from before the killings and a sculptor's bust of how

PEOPLE AND PLACES

BURY ST EDMUNDS, England: Rolling Stone Bill Wyman, 52, married his teen-age sweetheart, Mandy Smith, 19, in a secret ceremony in a quiet English market town on Friday, his press agent said.

Wyman, bass guitarist with the Stones since they rocked to fame in the 1960s, had been due to seal the knot in a publicised white wedding in London next Monday.

At the last minute he and his bride opted for the anonymity of a register office in Bury St Edmunds, in eastern England.

"Bill and Mandy wanted to get away from the Fleet Street (press) mob and slipped up to the quiet market town," said press agent Nick Massey. (Reuter)

LONDON: The future of the *Mappa Mundi*, a 13th century map of the world prized as one of Britain's greatest medieval treasures, was in jeopardy again on Friday but a fundraising official said it may be saved from sale overseas by anonymous benefactors.

News of the reprieve came hours after the announcement that a special share issue aimed at saving the *Mappa Mundi* from auction had failed. (Reuter)

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island: A man who said he began by shooting at streetlights but started aiming at people when it "got boring" was convicted Friday in a series of snippings that terrorized communities in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

A superior court jury found Russell J. Decharme II guilty on 30 of 36 counts, including eight counts of assault with intent to commit murder and seven counts of conspiracy to commit murder during late 1986 and early 1987. He was also found guilty of a series of arsons and break-ins in the summer of 1987. He faces a maximum sentence of two life terms in prison plus 355 years. (AP)

NEW ORLEANS: The rusting gondola that whacked 1984 world's fair visitors on a breathtaking ride high over the Mississippi river was seized by US marshals Friday for removal of a long-overdue loan.

The move fuelled speculation that the gondola, strung nearly 400 feet over the river, might be repossessed or sold to another river city. It was closed soon after the fair ended in November 1984. (AP)

LONDON: Nearly 30,000 heart attack patients will take part from next month in an international trial to compare the merits of three heart drugs costing from 80 pounds to 800 pounds a treatment. It was reported here Friday.

The trial will be co-ordinated from Oxford, southern England, and will last for more than two years.

For the first time patients in Eastern bloc countries including Poland, East Germany and hopefully the Soviet Union will join in. (KUNA)

CLEVELAND, Ohio: Municipal judge Carl Stokes, a former mayor of the city, was accused Friday night of shoplifting \$17.25 worth of dog food from a pet store in suburban Shaker Heights.

The owner of the pet shop filed the complaint of petty theft, alleging Stokes left the store without paying for a bag of dog food. But store owner, Kim Lifke, had no comment when questioned by WKYC-TV, the station reported.

The station also said Stokes denied taking the dog food, but the city's police chief, Walter Ugranic, said there were some witnesses.

"We have a suspect and he's identified as Carl B. Stokes," Ugranic said. (UPI)

HONOLULU: The US Customs Service is investigating seven questionable shipments of macadamia nuts from West Germany, representative Daniel Akaka, Democrat of Hawaii said Friday.

The shipments of macadamia nuts, which are an export crop in Hawaii, are listed as originating in West Germany — but Germany does not grow macadamia nuts, Akaka said.

Customs agent Bob Coppe of the Commercial Fraud Enforcement Centre said most macadamia nuts shipped through Europe and Asia are listed as being grown in nations such as Malawi, Kenya, and Australia, Akaka said. (UPI)

SAN FRANCISCO: Navy authorities Friday heard arguments on whether to court-martial a sailor who went AWOL in Ohio 20 years ago, leaving behind a wife and child to start a new life in San Francisco.

Navy Cmdr David W. Pauleen indicated he would recommend next week whether Charles Smith, be tried on charges of desertion and of using a controlled substance, marijuana.

Smith could face up to seven years in military prison if found guilty. The substance charges stem from a urine test performed when Smith turned himself in last month. (UPI)

PITTSBURGH: Wanted: Lonely single female lowland gorilla seeks career-minded male lowland gorilla whose likes include Pittsburgh wildlife, romantic fruit and banana diners, prying zoo keepers and plexiglass cages.

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The Baltimore zoo, which owns Hercules, has agreed to lead him to Pittsburgh in an open-ended breeding loan agreement, said Pittsburgh zoo director Charles Wickerhauser.

Hercules is scheduled to move in later this month, Wickerhauser said Friday. (UPI)

He might look now. One viewer called to say a man resembling List was living in the Richmond suburb of Midlothian, the FBI said.

List is accused of shooting to death his mother, Alma, 85; his wife, Helen, 45; and their three children, Patricia, 16, John Jr, 15, and Frederick, 13.

Their bodies were found Dec 7, 1971, in the family's 18-room mansion in Westfield, 10 miles southwest of Newark. Police said they found a confession written by List and addressed to his Lutheran minister on the dining table. (Reuter wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

MEXICO CITY: A federal narcotics agent was charged with drug trafficking Friday after he said his spirit forced him to become involved with a sect of drug-smuggling ritual killers.

Salvador Vidal Garcia Alarcos, 39, a federal judicial police officer, told authorities his involvement with the sect was limited to witchcraft and had nothing to do with drugs or the gruesome murders uncovered at a ranch in Matamoros.

Vidal Garcia, arrested earlier this week, pleaded innocent to the cocaine trafficking charge in the 7th federal criminal court in Mexico City. Conviction can bring a penalty of seven to 25 years in prison. (AP)

CHICAGO: The city of Chicago and state of Illinois often fail to see eye-to-eye. But this time it's costing \$309,000 because tunnel links intended to connect a city and a state building don't line up.

"It's very embarrassing," said John C. Hill, a city architect. "It's like the railroad to nowhere not meeting or a bridge misaligned in mid-span because contractors at either end screwed up."

The city hired contractors to build half of the Pedway tunnel and the state had its own contractors handle the other half to link the two downtown buildings, City Hall and the State of Illinois Centre. (AP)

KANSAS CITY, Missouri: A student from Bangladesh has pleaded guilty to selling the hide of a rare Bengal tiger.

Zeebullah Said pleaded guilty in US district court Thursday to selling an endangered species. He was charged with selling the nine-foot (275 cms) hide for \$21,000 to undercover agents of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

It is estimated that there are between 5,000 and 7,000 Bengal tigers alive. (AP)

WASHINGTON: Investigators of the April 19 explosion of the US battleship Iowa are focusing on a sailor who showed a timing device to a crewmate and said he could use it to set off the ship's gunpowder, NBC News reported.

"If you've got to go, go in a blast. You go quick. You go painless," a witness said he was told by gunner's mate Clayton Hartwig, who was among 47 sailors killed in the explosion, according to the television news report Friday night.

NBC quoted unidentified Navy investigators as saying Hartwig was the last man to touch the gunpowder that exploded in the ship's second tower. (AP)

LONDON: The remains of William Shakespeare's 16th century Rose Theatre won a reprieve from the bulldozers on Friday, but campaigners fighting to save the site said it was still in danger.

Property firm Imry Merchant said instead of building directly on top of the remains, they would erect a planned 100-metre high glass cube above the site at an extra cost of 10 million pounds (15.9 million dollars).

"What we have done is to achieve the goal we set ourselves to preserve and protect the theatre remains," Imry managing director Maria Myers said. (Reuter)

TRAVERSE CITY, Michigan: A top General Motors Corp executive is urging the nation to look at what the giant aquarium after leaping into a neighbouring tank and devouring six piranhas — the world's most ferocious freshwater fish.

The razor-toothed piranhas — prize attraction at the aquarium in Watchet, Somerset — were no match for Tiddles, a hefty eight-pound (four-kg) trout.

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Rock at Red Square

Members of the British rock group Pink Floyd go for a walk near Moscow's Red Square before giving a series of concerts in the Soviet capital. The band members are (left to right) Rick Wright, David Gilmour and Nick Mason. The concerts were scheduled to begin yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Memorizing numbers easy as pi for Indian

WICHITA, Kansas, June 3, (AP): Remembering is a piece of pi for Srinivasan Mahadevan.

Mahadevan's extraordinary memory has allowed him to memorise the first 35,000 digits of pi — the theoretically infinite computation of the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.

Mahadevan, an Indian-born graduate student at Kansas State

control group. They can usually remember seven to eight numbers that are flashed quickly on a screen or spoken. Anything above 10 is considered exceptional. Mahadevan typically tallies about 38 if he sees the numbers, about 50 if he hears them. That's under clinical conditions. Vogl says Mahadevan usually scores much better, as many as 105, in the less inhibiting

Great expectations leave Japanese single

TOKYO, June 3, (Reuter): Japanese men want to be pampered by doting women. Japanese women want equality with their husbands.

As a result, a growing number of both sexes remains single rather than settle for less.

Japanese Health Ministry statistics show the percentage of single Japanese in the 30-34 age group has increased over the past 10 years.

A survey found 28 per cent of men in this age bracket are now single compared with 14 per cent 10 years ago. It found that 10 per cent of women are single compared with 8 per cent a decade ago.

"On top of the fact there are about half a

million more men than women of marriageable age, men have failed to change their conservative ideas of women," said Masako Koyama, director of Academic Unicharm Company, Tokyo matchmakers.

"They do not know how to deal with women. This makes it very difficult for men to find a wife," she said.

"Men are hoping to find an obedient woman who will take the place of their mothers to look after them. Women, becoming more independent, want equal partners who can contribute to a mutually better life," she added.

Although only 5 per cent of unmarried

men and 20 per cent of women in the 30-34 age group in Tokyo are single, the Health Ministry survey said.

Young women no longer see establishing a family and raising children as the only task of their lives. They want to work and to develop their own careers outside the home.

Yoko Itamoto, a director of Nippon Seimenken, a marriage consultancy, said:

"The time is over when men could expect some hard workers and sincere.

"Girls today are not brought up to be a good wife and a wise mother as in the old proverb. They are looking for freedom," she said.

Experts said another problem is that Japanese men are too attached to their home-bound mothers.

Japanese women have become very demanding, experts say. They dream of women and marriages they see on television.

"Japanese women tend to pretend to be the sweet woman of the old image when it is convenient. They do not want to take the initiative though they are irritated by men's lack of ability to do so," Academic Unicharm's Koyama said.

The consultants said opportunities for social contact and to build relationships are decreasing in Japan with both men and women having less time outside their jobs.

Next stop Rome for design wizard

Meet Japan's finest

TOKYO, June 3, (Reuter): Rome was not built in a day and eminent Japanese architect Kenzo Tange has been commissioned to add a huge park to help it survive several more millennia.

Tange, at 76 one of the world's best-known living architects, will soon embark on one of the greatest challenges in his career of more than 40 years.

He intends to lure businesses away from the overburdened historic centre of Rome, clogged by traffic, to a new 800-hectare (2,000-acre) industrial park in the city's eastern reaches.

The project, commissioned by the Italian government and the city of Rome, is designed to ease the wear and tear on the eternal city's ancient monuments and buildings caused by heavy commuter traffic and routine use.

"At first things were difficult, because the Italian newspapers wanted to know why a Japanese was picked for the project," Tange said. Opposition had since faded away, he added.

Born the third son of eight children on rural Shikoku Island, Tange has been Japan's undisputed architectural master since his first project in 1946.

His debut was the master plan for the rebuilding of Hiroshima, destroyed by the world's first atomic attack.

Throughout his career, his architectural trademark has been a bold and spare and elegant style, an ingenious blend of Japanese and Western aesthetic principles.

The 1964 Olympic Stadium in Tokyo is a typical example, with wing-like eaves which stretch to the sky like a dove in flight.

A graduate of Tokyo University, Tange said he has never aspired to follow in the illustrious footsteps of living mentors.

Instead he looks for inspiration to Italian renaissance artist Michelangelo and modern Swiss architect Charles Edouard Jeanneret, better known as Le Corbusier.

"I first decided architecture was for me when I saw Le Cor-



Tange: challenged

bustier's designs in a Japanese magazine in the 1930s," Tange said in an interview at his 10th-floor office overlooking the lush gardens of Togu Palace, the former residence of Emperor Akihito.

Soft-spoken and delicately-boned, this man who has built for kings, princes and prime ministers said he always has a multitude of projects going at once.

He said he rarely has time to exercise and, something unusual for a Japanese businessman, detests golf.

"I get other people to exercise me by getting massage — Shiatsu and the like," Tange said. "I'm lazy."

In his long career Tange and his associates have been responsible for more than 130 major projects.

His architectural credits range from the city plan for Bandar Seri Begawan in the sultanate of Brunei to Tokyo's 1964 Olympic Stadium

NEWS IN BRIEF

11 killed

MANILA, June 3. (UPI): Flash floods and a tornado killed 11 people and brought to 19 the number of dead from monsoon rains battering the southern Philippines, relief officials said today.

Four others were reported missing, and the plight of 21 missing since Tuesday was still unknown, they said.

Officials said floods washed away 150 houses yesterday and forced 4,000 people to flee to evacuation centres in the town of Malita in Davao del Sur province, 650 miles south of Manila.

Bus overturns

SUKKUR, June 3. (AP): A speeding bus full of wedding celebrants overturned on a curve near this southern Pakistani city, killing 15 people and injuring 25, officials said today.

Police, speaking on the usual condition of anonymity, said the accident occurred early yesterday when the driver apparently attempted to turn too fast.

The driver fled the scene.

Ending apartheid

BONN, June 3. (AP): South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha was quoted today as saying that his government was in the process of eliminating racial discrimination and was ready to share power with the black majority.

"Apartheid has to be removed. The supremacy of whites must be ended," Botha was quoted as saying in an interview with the conservative West German newspaper *Welt am Sonntag*.

Duplicate fusion test

TOKYO, June 3. (Reuter): Two Japanese scientists claimed they had succeeded in duplicating a test of nuclear fusion conducted by electrochemists in the United States. Japan's national television network NHK reported today.

NHK said Tadahiko Mizuno and Tadashi Akimoto, assistants at the Atomic Engineering Department of Hokkaido University, confirmed an emission of neutrons a maximum of 20 times higher than the number of naturally-existing neutrons after 19 days of electrolysis.

Bomb kills four

DHAKA, June 3. (Reuter): A powerful bomb killed at least four people and injured a dozen in southern Bangladesh, where rival party tribal rebels have vowed to disrupt elections due on June 25, officials said today.

They said the bomb planted by suspected Shanti Bahini (peace force) rebels went off at a crowded tea stall in Langdhu sub-district in Chittagong Hill Tracts last night.

Sikh extremist killed

CHANDIGARH, India, June 3. (Reuter): A Sikh extremist wanted for 12 murders and with a 110,000 rupee (\$6,250) price on his head was killed in a gun battle with Punjab police yesterday.

Police said Charan Singh, killed in Kepur district, was one of 12 people killed in 24 hours in the north Indian state, where militants are waging a campaign for a separate Sikh homeland.

Two Sikh extremists and three members of one family were among the other 11. More than 800 people have died in Punjab so far this year.

Traffic camera

LONDON, June 3. (KUNA): Motorists jumping red lights here should watch out their offences could be caught on film, it was reported today.

Cameras are to be set up overlooking traffic lights at busy London trunk road sites, the British Department of Transport announced. Any evidence they capture could be used in a prosecution of offenders.

Quality of water

PARIS, June 3. (KUNA): Before planning a summer vacation on France's coastal regions, a tourist must read a government report on the quality of water in his preferred destination.

According to a government report published here today, twenty three percent of the beaches are considered polluted and hazardous for the health of swimmers.

Surinam rebels

PARAMARIBO, June 3. (Reuter): Surinam rebels have seized a hydroelectric dam which they are threatening to blow up if their demands are not met and are holding hostage 26 employees of a state-owned company, the state-owned Surinam news agency said yesterday.

Hunger strike

WINCHESTER, England, June 3. (Reuter): Eleven jailed Kurdish refugees seeking political asylum have gone on hunger strike to protest at their treatment by the British authorities, a prison official said yesterday.

BBC opinion poll

LONDON, June 3. (KUNA): Britain's main opposition Labour Party is running neck and neck with the ruling Conservatives, according to a BBC opinion poll here.

Labour has gained three points over the past month and has pulled level for the first time since the general election in June 1987.



Two ethnic Turkish children were among the hundreds expelled from Bulgaria.

More Turks expelled

Bulgarian atrocity

End assimilation

ANKARA, June 3. (Reuter): Bulgaria expelled 340 more ethnic Turks today, border officials said, amid mounting Turkish indignation at Bulgaria's treatment of the minority.

"The Bulgarians, cruel as the Nazis," said the headline of the mass-circulation *Hurriyet* newspaper.

Bulgaria has deported at least 1,000 ethnic Turks to Turkey since May 6, apparently for joining hunger strikes and other protests against Sofia's forced assimilation campaign.

The campaign went into full force in 1984. It reportedly includes banning the use of the Turkish language in public, shutting down mosques, raising Turkish cemeteries, forbidding the practice of circumcision — in short, wiping out any trace of the Muslim Turkish minority in the Balkan state.

"Now, everyone has an identity card with a Bulgarian name," said a Turkish delegate to the Paris conference, speaking on condition he not be named.

Bulgaria is becoming a prime target at the monthlong conference on the human dimension. It is the first of three on human rights mandated by a Vienna meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe in the framework of the 1975 Helsinki Accords.

The United States and other countries are to call for an accounting by Bulgaria of what Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz called "one of the greatest human rights violations of our time."

Bulgaria has repeatedly denied charges it oppresses its Turkish minority, estimated to number between 900,000 and 1.5 million in a total population of nine million. President Todor Zhivkov said such reports are a "campaign of slanders" concocted by Turkey and Western groups.

Sofia has demanded that Turkey open its borders to ethnic Turks, while Ankara says it is prepared to negotiate an immigration accord.

The police used water cannon and boiling water and even opened fire. Afterwards they rounded up and beat us," said wrestler Ahmet Somunoglu, describing a May 27 protest march by thousands of people shouting: "We are Turks."

Another man told reporters that a group was forced at rifle-point onto a goods train and spent a day and a night without water before being sent across the border.

A report by the international human rights group Amnesty International in 1985 said Sofia ceased to recognise an ethnic Turkish minority in the 1970s.

Bulgaria now says those claiming to be Turks are descended

from Bulgarians forced to convert to Islam under Ottoman rule.

The Amnesty report said 100 ethnic Turks were killed early in the assimilation programme, which banned Turkish and forced ethnic Turks to assume Bulgarian names and to abandon Islamic customs.

The Bulgarians used to come every 15 days to examine our boys to see if they had been circumcised," said Nebiye Adilova, 32, expelled over the border with her family yesterday.

Pope extols virtues of marriage

John Paul visits Norway



John Paul: in prayer

people. Iceland has one of the tiniest Catholic communities he has ever visited with a total of 2,300 followers.

John Paul left today for Iceland, the second stop on a five-country Nordic trip. An island nation of only 245,000

where about half of all young couples never marry and most children today are born out of wedlock.

"The love of a married couple unites them, but it also enables them to become co-operators with God in giving life to a new person," he said, speaking in English.

"Thus they establish the most basic of human communities, the family," which he said was "a fundamental gift."

In Iceland, the pope will celebrate a closed mass for Icelandic Catholics, many of whom had driven hundreds of miles to the capital from outlying counties accessible only by dirt roads.

Twenty ascetic, Polish Carmelite nuns from the only convent on Iceland have been granted extraordinary dispensation to leave their cells to take part in the papal mass.

Police estimated that fewer than 1,000 people attended, one of the smallest crowds on the pontiff's 42 foreign trips.

Speaking from a wooden altar,

under a chilly grey sky, John Paul touched on an issue of concern to the churches in Scandinavia,

Congress witnesses a stormy session

Ryzhkov nominated to remain PM

MOSCOW, June 3. (Agencies): The Congress of People's Deputies, the setting for heated debate and radical ideas in its eight-day inaugural session, is on a weekend break after one of its most volatile days.

But a smaller, working legislature called the Supreme Soviet, is scheduled to open its deliberations today. The smaller legislature was elected from the ranks of the Congress.

During deliberations in the Congress yesterday, human rights activist Andrei Sakharov criticised the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, provoking a ferocious volley of criticism in return.

Later, another Congress member proposed removing Soviet founder Vladimir I. Lenin's mummified body from the hallowed Red Square mausoleum where it is on public view and said the names of victims of the secret police should be inscribed on the agency's headquarters.

The official Tass news agency also reported yesterday that the party's policy-making central committee recommended politburo member Nikolai Ryzhkov be retained as Soviet premier.

His nomination must be approved by the Congress and some members on Thursday accused the cabinet led by Ryzhkov of bungling the country's severe economic problems. They demanded that he outline his economic programme before voting on his nomination.

Sakharov's words belied his frail, stooped figure as he addressed the 2,250-member Congress.

The 68-year-old Nobel peace laureate accused the Soviet Union of a "criminal misadventure" that killed one million people when it invaded Afghanistan. That figure, although widely reported in the West, has not been used in official Soviet media.

"You have insulted our entire Army, our entire nation, all our boys who gave their lives," another deputy, Tursan Kazakova of Uzbekistan, shouted at Sakharov.

Sakharov's statement came after a veteran of the Afghan war demanded that President Mikhail Gorbachev seek an explanation of Sakharov's comments on the war to a Canadian newspaper.

In other debate yesterday, Deputy Yuri Karyakin galvanised the Congress with his proposals on the KGB and Lenin's body. He also called for restoring citizenship to exiled writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

Solzhenitsyn won the Nobel prize for his extensive writings about the bloody terror of dictator Josef Stalin's rule from 1924-1953, but his most biting novels were never published in the Soviet Union.

He was branded a traitor and stripped of his citizenship in 1974 and expelled. He now lives in the United States.

To a grumbling audience, Karyakin stood before a huge, white statue of Lenin and said the Soviet revolutionary wanted to be buried beside his mother in St Petersburg, later renamed Leningrad. But he said Lenin's will was ignored and his body was placed in a stone mausoleum after his death in 1924.

Lenin's widow, Nadezhda Krupskaya, opposed putting Lenin in an above-ground mausoleum where his body could be viewed, but Stalin and other party leaders overruled her.

Karyakin also said the secret police headquarters, called the Lubianka, should bear a reminder of those who suffered under Stalin.

An economist regarded as a supporter of President Mikhail Gorbachev was overwhelmingly elected chairman of the Council of the Union, one of the two chambers of the Soviet Union's new standing parliament, today.

Conspiracy

Give up

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana, June 3. (UPI): A Louisiana businessman has surrendered to authorities on charges he conspired to export a sophisticated sonar to the Soviet Union in a \$1.32 million scheme officials said posed a threat to national security.

Raymond Long, the 39-year-old president of the R- and L-Marine and Drilling Services of Springfield, Louisiana, turned himself in a day after authorities arrested him that he had not heard directly from Gorbachev on the cold war.

Extradition procedures were under way for three of those foreigners, including two Japanese citizens and a Norwegian businessman. But authorities said they had little hope of arresting the fourth suspect, a Soviet national.

Twenty-one foreign nationals are serving prison sentences of up to 55 years and fines of up to \$200,000 each.

"You don't expect an instant answer. But I'm confident we will and I hope it's positive," he said.

"It will be a while" until a formal Soviet response, he suggested.

On the prospects for a summit meeting this year with the Soviet leader, Bush said: "I've always felt that we eventually will get together and should."

Opponents dub Mitterrand the man who would be king

whenever he is goaded as a "monarch" who has lost the common touch.

He was happy after his first election in 1981 with the popular nickname of Ton-ton, a child's way of saying "uncle."

Last January he said he was untroubled by satirists who started calling him "god" because of his aloof manner.

But the "King Francois" tag appears to have hit a sensitive nerve.

Mitterrand aides and ministers say the opposition strategists who plotted the campaign, unleashed in parliament and

the media, are desperate to divert attention from their own mounting problems.

With the June 18 European elections around the corner the right-wing RPR and centrist UDF parties are hunting for ways to reverse a damaging series of electoral defeats, internal splits and poor scores in opinion polls.

Ex-President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the main opposition candidate in the elections for the European Parliament, fired the first shot last weekend when he attacked Mitterrand's plan to write off the

public debt of 35 poor African countries.

The decision was proof of the President's "solitary and monarchist" style, Giscard said in a television interview.

The refrain was quickly picked up in the parliamentary debate on the government's immigration bill aimed at softening the harsher aspects of a law passed by the previous conservative government.

Opposition deputies, who have tabled 250 amendments to the bill to drag out the debate, accused Mitterrand of using a "royal prerogative."

Soviets accuse Britain of bugging

LONDON, June 3. (UPI): Soviet Ambassador Leonid Zamatin accused British intelligence today of planting eavesdropping devices in the homes and offices of Soviets in London, damaging relations between the countries.

The Foreign Office denied the charge.

"It makes worse our relations," Zamatin said. "You know, it means that we don't trust each other."

Soviet diplomats, at a hastily called news conference, displayed miniature microphones, transmitting devices and wires, which they said were discovered in the offices of the Soviet trade delegation in Highgate and in private apartments.

The bugging devices in the trade office were linked to an underground cable leaving the building, Soviet officials said. About 30 microphones were found during remodelling and the officials said they must have been installed when the building was constructed about 15 years ago.

One official said the building was "honeycombed" with microphones, the BBC reported.

About 12 devices were found in private Soviet apartments, Soviet officials said. They alleged the equipment was activated by high-powered radio beams harmful to health.

Zamatin objected to the alleged spying in a meeting with Foreign Office Undersecretary Patrick Wright, their spokesman said.

The ambassador said "eavesdropping devices, which had been put in place by the British 'Special Services,' had been found in the walls of the Soviet trade delegation (office) and of apartments used by Soviet personnel," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

"We wished to register a strong protest."

Zamatin said, Wright told "he was sure that any such devices that might have been found on Soviet property had no connection with the British government."

"Devices of this sort were widely available both in this country and indeed in Moscow," Wright's spokesman quoted him as saying.

Zamatin expressed dismay that despite long talks between Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Soviet President Mikhail G

Nimeiri urges Sudanese to topple government

CAIRO, June 3: (AP) - Ousted Sudanese president Jafar Nimeiri yesterday urged Sudanese masses to overthrow the government in Khartoum and pave the way for his return.

In a rare interview, Nimeiri said he had sent tapes and printed speeches to Sudan last month, accusing Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi of being the cause of all of the country's

problems.

"Those who were deceived (by Al Mahdi) now call for the (return of the) regime of Jafar Nimeiri ... I have received numerous letters and people, all asking me to save Sudan after it has fallen in a deep abyss as they put it," Nimeiri said.

"I am not urging the people to overthrow the government. I am urging

them to take over the power. If you want to, call it overthrowing. And then they can create whatever regime they want to," said Nimeiri, sitting in the spacious reception of the large if slightly run-down villa provided by the Egyptian government as his residence.

After 16 years as president, the pro-Western Nimeiri was overthrown by the military on April 26, 1985, follow-

ing a widespread civilian disobedience campaign. He was on his way home from the United States when he found himself stranded in Cairo.

He was given political asylum on condition he not undertake any political activities and all requests for interviews were turned down.

Nimeiri said the Egyptian government has expressed their displeasure at

the handful of interviews he has given in the last few months, "but the pressure on me from the Sudanese people does not allow me to keep my word to the Egyptian government."

Dressed in a white suit, the former president has not changed much since his ouster. His hair is now predominantly white and he has gained some weight. He lives with his wife and

socialises mainly with Sudanese nationals in Cairo.

"All the different sections of the Sudanese people have called me and asked me to return," Nimeiri claimed. "I told them if you want me to return, you have to fight from within and overthrow this regime ... and when you have your hands on the power, I will be ready."

Indefinite curfew clamped on Gaza

Renewed ties will not damage treaty

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 3: (Agencies) - The Israeli Army imposed an indefinite curfew on the occupied Gaza Strip tonight, its second clampdown on the strip in less than three weeks.

"Starting from 8.00 this evening (1700 GMT), there is a general curfew on the Gaza Strip. The exit of workers to Israel will be controlled. The curfew will continue until further notice," an Army spokesman said in a statement.

Security sources said the Army would begin on Tuesday issuing special permits to Arabs from the Gaza Strip who want to work in Israel. Those who took part in violence in a Palestinian uprising would be denied entry passes, they said.

The Army, in an unprecedented move, ordered on May 16 more than 60,000 Gaza workers in Israel to leave and return home, part of an iron fist policy to persuade Palestinians to accept an Israeli proposal for elections in the occupied areas.



Some of the Jewish theological students suspected of a fatal rampage in a West Bank village are blessed by their rabbi. (Reuter wirephoto)

Libya, Egypt friendlier

Old rivals mend fences

CAIRO, Egypt, June 3: (Agencies) - One of the Arab world's bitterest rivalries could be fading in a series of small but significant steps that began with a bearhug in Morocco.

The hug was applied by Libyan Leader Moammar Khaddafi, who a few days earlier had threatened to boycott the Arab League Summit meeting at Casablanca if Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak showed up.

Mubarak was the one hugged. That was May 23.

Since then, the Egyptian-Libyan border has opened up for the first time in more than a decade and the invertebrate that marked past relations between the two countries has stopped.

Egypt cancelled military exercises scheduled this week in the desert between Cairo and Libya, and is expected to reduce the forces it has had concentrated there since the early 1970s.

A civilian Libyan aircraft has landed at Cairo International Airport for the first time in years, with a promise of regular service starting Monday.

A ranking Egyptian Foreign Ministry official will leave Cairo tomorrow for Libya to discuss measures for normalization of Egyptian-Libyan relations.

A delegation led by the director of the African Administration at the Foreign Ministry, Nabil Al Selawi, will visit Libya tomorrow to discuss suspended issues between the two countries, including the problem of the Egyptian workers fired by Libya in 1985 and the resumption of consular relations.

Khaddafi's cousin and intelligence chief has spent two days in Cairo. He met Wednesday night with the Egyptian president, who had refused to see him on several previous visits.

Scepticism remains about how far the steps toward rapprochement will go. But if the drama

does play out, Libya could soon restore diplomatic relations with Egypt.

From a superpower standpoint, Libya has a history of close ties to the Soviet Union and the United States' most strident Arab enemy, while Egypt is one of Washington's best friends in the region.

Egypt is ready to take two steps for everyone that Libya takes with good intentions and sincerity in its desire to open a new page," Mubarak reportedly told Khaddafi in their meeting in Casablanca.

No Egyptian has crossed the newly opened border, but in a strong reversal of mood, JANA said Libya "welcomes .. these brothers to enter the territory."

Mubarak returned May 27 from the summit at Casablanca, the first for Egypt since the Arab League suspended the country's membership 10 years ago in anger over the Egyptian-Israeli peace accord.

Libya and Syria backed down from their hostility toward Egypt rejoining the league. Libyan and Syrian animosity toward Cairo had lingered long after normal relations returned between Egypt and most other Arab states.

There has been no sign of a broader Syrian-Egyptian rapprochement following the Casablanca talks, but Khaddafi has moved quickly.

In addition to sending his cousin, Ahmed Gaddaf El Dam, to Cairo, Khaddafi dispatched delegations to carry out the technical work of re-establishing land and air communications between the two nations.

Egyptian opposition newspapers and other Arab papers reported that Khaddafi himself would visit, some saying he would drive to Alexandria, Egypt, 300 miles (480 kilometers) into Egyptian territory.

Iran's main opposition group, the Mujahideen-e-Khalq, said in a statement earlier this week that Khomeini suffered a heart attack last Saturday.

The statement by the Baghdad-based group said the heart attack came five days after he underwent surgery on the duodenum, a part of the small intestine close to the stomach.

The Mujahideen's claim could

not be independently confirmed. Khomeini has been reported

ailing since he suffered a heart attack in 1986. Since then he has rarely been seen outside his home in the north Tehran suburb of Jamshir.

Following is the text of a statement by the office of Khomeini on his health, broadcast on Iranian Radio and Television.



No food for Palestinians

An Israeli right-winger (right) tries to prevent a peace activist from entering Gaza Strip to deliver foodstuffs. (Reuter wirephoto)

Handcuffed to bed and guarded by troops

Palestinian 'Mandela' fights for life

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 3: (Reuter) - A jailed Arab leader dubbed by Israeli newspapers "The Palestinian Mandela" is critically ill under Army guard in a Tel Aviv hospital and Arabs in the occupied territories expect widespread unrest if he dies.

Omar Al Qassem, a 42-year-old former English teacher, was captured by Israeli troops in the West Bank after a fierce gun battle in October 1968 and sentenced by a military court to two terms of life imprisonment and an additional 27 years.

Like South African black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela - jailed for life in 1964 for plotting against Pretoria's white minority government - Qassem has been offered his freedom but has refused, saying the terms were unacceptable, friends say.

Suffering from cancer and hospitalised on April 7, Qassem is becoming a figurehead for Palestinians as their bloody uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip nears the end of its 17th month.

Visitors to Qassem in the intensive care unit of Assaf Haraefeh hospital say he is connected to a dialysis machine and is barely able to speak.

He is handcuffed to his bed and guarded by soldiers.

At a time when the uprising's underground leadership is showing signs of divisions, a stepped-up campaign for Qassem's release could unite rival factions and give fresh impetus to the anti-Israel protest. Palestinian activists say.

Born in Arab East Jerusalem, Qassem was in Jordan when Israel captured the West Bank and East Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war.

When Israeli troops in March 1968 staged a cross-border raid on Palestinian fighters in the Jordanian town of Karemeh, he was one of the defenders who put up stiff resistance before retreating to the mountains.

Seven months later he led a seven-man squad of uniformed Palestinians across the frontier, planning to harry Israeli troops from the hills and caves of the West Bank.

Cornered by troops in the West Bank village of Kfar Malik he and his men held off the soldiers for over an hour, but killed no one.

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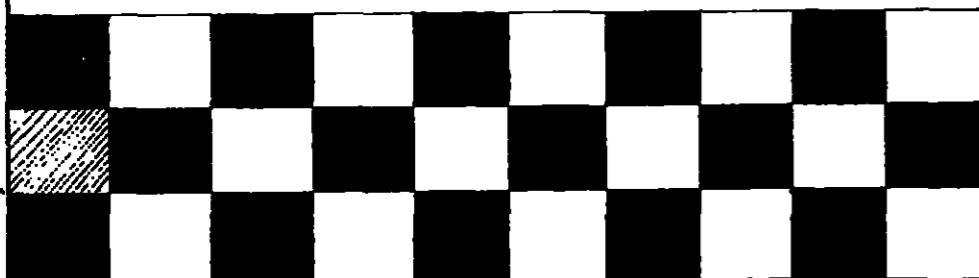
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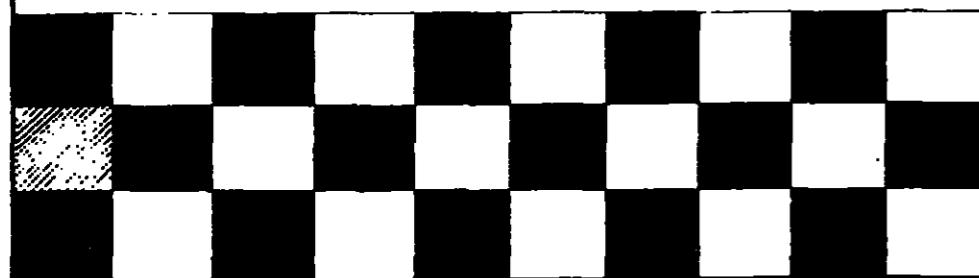
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Medical treatment of Lebanese casualties lauded

50 wounded from East Beirut to arrive shortly

KUWAIT, June 3, (KUNA): Deputy Chairman of the Charitable Committee for Supporting Palestinian and Lebanese people Meshal Al Khaledi yesterday praised the Kuwaiti initiative of hospitalising civil war injured Lebanese in specialised Kuwaiti hospitals and called on other Arab countries to do so.

He told KUNA, following a visit to Al Razi hospital with a delegation of the charitable committee, that the Lebanese

inmates expressed deep appreciation to the people of Kuwait and leadership as well as the committee for their continuous efforts to stop the bloodshed in Lebanon.

Khaledi praised the hospital administration and staff's efforts in providing the best care and services to the Lebanese patients.

Souvenirs and copies of the Holy Quran were handed to the Lebanese patients.

In a related development, Kuwaiti Ambassador in Damascus Ahmed Al Jassim, was quoted as saying that another batch of 50 wounded Lebanese from Christian East Beirut will be flown here for treatment from Cyprus.

The Kuwaiti envoy told a local daily that he would shortly head to Beirut, via Cyprus to arrange for the transfer of the wounded of East Beirut, who mostly sus-

tained skin burns.

Already, 72 wounded Lebanese from West Beirut are receiving treatment in Kuwaiti hospitals through the land route to Damascus from where they were airlifted by a specially-equipped Kuwaiti plane.

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KUWAIT, June 3, (KUNA): British Minister of State for Trade and Industry Lord Young of Graffham said in an interview published here today his country is against the idea of a European unity, economic or federal.

The European states, which have 15 languages and three main cultures, might need some five centuries to get close to each other enough to go into a merger, Lord Young said in his interview with a local daily.

He indicated that his country was also against calls for a common European currency so long as Britain wanted to pursue an economic policy different from those of its partners in the European Economic Community.

Lord Young, who was interviewed during his visit to Kuwait last week, was commenting on prospects for Europe after 1992, when the 12-nation European Economic Community knock down trade and economic barriers among them to force an economic unity.

"You cannot have a unified currency without having a unified European economic policy," he said.

To move in that direction, he added, would mean that the European countries would have to agree to the concept of "the United States of Europe," an idea which he said is unacceptable to his country.

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FUTURE generations of Kuwaiti youth will be adversely affected should no constructive changes be incorporated in the fabric of the educational system in the Arab countries, according to a Kuwaiti official.

In a seminar organised by Kuwait Trade Federation, Dr Hassan Al Ibrahim said the future of the Arab nation will depend to a large extent on the qualitative changes that need to be addressed in the scope of developing future educational terms of reference.

The seminar held on the theme of, "The Model Nursery to Replace Maids" had been designed to highlight Arab children's educational issues.

Ibrahim referred in his lecture to several studies conducted in this respect and confirmed that the current Arab educational system has not been successful in imparting education to children and that radical changes in this connection are inevitable.

Ibrahim called for consolidating nationalistic and democratic spirit among the children in order to groom them to shoulder their responsibilities as future citizens. He confirmed the importance of flexibility and immediate response to the new developments in preparing the children particularly in the preliminary stage. He stressed on the importance of the educational process in realising educational objectives and in bridging the vast scientific and technological gap between North and South.

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joint Arab-foreign chambers of commerce and other administrative and financial issues.

The two-day session will be attended by delegations of all Arab chambers of commerce as well as representatives of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the general secretariat of Arab Gulf chambers.

The GCC General Secretariat has commissioned two international consultancy firms to prepare the pre-development study for the construction of the Inter-GCC rail road. Copies of the report are currently under consideration by each of the GCC member-states.

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Arms store robbed

Shot gun stolen

By Nasser Al Tameem

A STORE dealing in sales and repairs of fire-arms and ammunition was broken into yesterday. The store is located in Sharq area and this is the second robbery in the store within a year. It was learnt that initial investigations by police showed that at least two thieves believed to be knowing the store very well carried out the robbery.

They stole a gun, 13 bullets, a shot gun, a number of knives, binoculars and ammunition. The robbers failed to force open a room in the store containing new hunting rifles.



One of the contestants wins the audience over with her song and dance routine.



The Little Mr and Mrs Ambassadors of Goodwill with their trophies.

(Photographs by Javed Basra)

THE director of Kuwait International Airport, Zohair Al Zamil stated that the travelling season this year will witness an increase in the number of travellers compared with last year. He pointed out that extra flights will be operated until Sep. 15, 1989 to meet the demand of

the increase in the number of passengers.

He urged travellers to co-operate with airport officials to overcome any problems. He revealed that the airport is currently conducting a study on the development of airport commercial shops. Females are now

working at all Civil Aviation departments, the official said and welcomed the services of Kuwaiti women at the airport.

Safety

He described safety measures at the airport as good and added that the airport will utilise a new

safety system within the airport hall in the near future.

Problems

In an interview with a local daily, he pointed out that the airport will operate weekly trips during the summer season to specific cities. The airport administration has cancelled all

employee vacations for the summer.

The most serious problems caused by the public is not complying to confirm reservations, leaving children unattended and not complying with security measures, the official pointed out.

Zamil stated that the structure plan of Kuwait International Airport until 2015 has been completed. He pointed out that the project is a comprehensive study on future requirements at the airport and has been duly presented to government authorities for implementation.

Flassis elects ambassadors of goodwill

NASSER Al Nasser won the Little Mr Ambassador of Goodwill title at the Diplomats of Goodwill contest organised by Flassis, the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait last week. Pamela Cruz was chosen Little Ms Ambassador of Goodwill.

The winners received trophies and will be participating in other Flassis projects.

The other winners were: Lily Adele Mesenas (Consul for Peace); Jessica Unico (Consul for Friendship) and Joseph Zobrist (Consul for Detente). Little Ms Talent was Mary Ann Espedilla, who rendered the Song "Break it to me gently." Richard Norman won the Mr Talent title.

Psychological ailments quite common: Asfoor

400 outpatients annually

DR ABDUL Rahman Al Asfoor, director of the Kuwait Psychiatric Diseases Hospital has said that 75 per cent of the treatment offered by the hospital to its inmates depended on psychological rehabilitation, while the remaining 25 per cent depended on medication.

Tests

Speaking to a local daily, Asfoor said that the psychological ailments in Kuwait were quite common but not different from the usual types of diseases elsewhere in the world. He said one per cent of Kuwaiti society suffered from schizophrenia and that patients suffering various types of psy-

chological disorders were registered at the hospital.

The hospital received 400 patients on an annual basis and between seven and nine people manifest symptoms that necessitate their admission into the hospital, Asfoor said.

He pointed out that certain disorders took a long time to respond to treatment, and that patients are subjected to intensive tests before they are pronounced normal again, however in certain cases setbacks are possible and patients are remanded for another round of treatment.

The common reason behind the relapse of certain psychological disorders was the

failure by patients to abide by doctors instructions and their disorderly use of medicines, Asfoor said.

He added that a committee of specialists was responsible for the development of rehabilitation programmes and treatment methods and that special sophisticated equipment was used in the process.

Shock treatment

The hospital has equipment that could help psychiatrists locate and identify the affected area in the patient's brain based on electrical diagnosis of the brain and measurements of the electrical impulses in both hemispheres, Asfoor said.

He added that certain ailments require the use of electrical shock at various levels and that this treatment induces the brain to change the chemical nature of the treatment area in response to electrical stimulus.

Asfoor said that there is a plan to set up a new psychiatric disease hospital in Kuwait. He stressed the need for active participation by all public institutions and government ministries to spread awareness and psychological education to help people avoid falling prey to psychiatric disorders. The direct environment and social surroundings were primarily responsible for these disorders, Asfoor said.

Studies

Studies currently conducted at the institute focused on the possibility of introducing different types of vegetables to upgrade agro-production, improve agricultural soil and identify technical problems facing farmers, Hussein said.

He added that studies and research conducted at the institute received keen interest and follow-up attention from local companies, and that in one instance a local animal production company utilised the output of studies performed by the institute to develop and step up its sheep production.

The institute has special staff to control and follow up and put an end to these mistakes. The ministry has also a special committee to investigate deaths and another one to investigate medical mistakes, Hussein said.

Vegetation management

He said the institute was about to prepare for stage three of the vegetation management and development project, which, inter alia, seeks to increase desert plants and protect those plants threatened with extinction.

The institute is preparing a medium and long-term plan to implement the national landscaping project, and that the first would be implemented from 1990 to 1995 and the second from 1995 to 2005, Hussein said.

He added that the institute was concerned with other landscaping projects, which involved the desert park, soil surveys, detailed studies of national parks and natural habitats, in cooperation with the agricultural authority.

Survey areas included a number of fenced desert sites in Rawdatan, Mutla, Doha, Abdali, Manqesh, Hoban, and Magwa.

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HE WHO WILL NOT ECONOMIZE WILL HAVE TO AGONIZE
—Confucius, Chinese philosopher (551 B.C.—479 B.C.)

Comrade Yeltsin: rising Soviet hero

By Carey Goldberg

A MOSCOW mechanic, basking in the noonday sun near his friend's vending cart on the old arbat, summed up in one sentence what makes Communist Party renegade Boris Yeltsin the hero of millions.

"If the party bosses are against him, then we're for him; it's that simple," Yuri Chaplygin said.

Maverick, martyr, demagogue, populist — Yeltsin's image has shifted with his changing political fortunes. What remains constant is his backing from millions of supporters who relish his open battles with party leaders and cheer his calls to ease the daily grind of Soviet life.

Yeltsin was at his best delivering his maiden speech this week at the Congress of People's Deputies. His throaty voice boomed out accusations and demands in simple phrases, a characteristic snarl plastered on his doughy face topped by silver hair.

The Soviet public has also seen Yeltsin when he was down, crushed after he made a daring 1987 speech criticising the slow pace of President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms at a closed-door party meeting.

That speech, which included harsh words for Politburo foe Yegor Ligachev, brought Yeltsin a scathing reprimand from Gorbachev, his former mentor, and attacks from other party officials accusing him of dealing "a stab in the back" to economic reform.

After he was criticised in the press and stripped of his post as Moscow party chief, Yeltsin was hospitalised for heart trouble.

The word went out that the 58-year-old Siberian, for all his headstrong outspokenness, had been broken.

But his adversity and open opposition of the Communist Party apparatus only swelled Yeltsin's popularity.

"People identify with Yeltsin," the weekly Moscow News wrote in April in a full-page story headlined "the Boris Yeltsin phenomenon."

Victim

"He's a victim of dislike on the part of higher-ups — who of us hasn't been in the same position?" the weekly said. "And he is being slighted for refusing to seek their approval — who hasn't dreamed of doing that?"

Yeltsin "showed that he was outside the apparatus, and he became a victim," said Alexander Poroshkin, a Moscow street artist. "And Russians love a victim, he's like a martyred saint."

Yeltsin's reputation began to grow when he was still Moscow party chief. He chopped the local party apparatus, campaigned in stores and on television to improve food supplies and spoke out against special privileges for the government and party elite.

At the 1986 Communist Party Congress, just three months after taking the Moscow post, Yeltsin was launching salvos against the party bureaucracy, demanding and end to privileges enjoyed by top officials and saying no leader should be above criticism.

For many Muscovites, who watch their leaders ride by in sleek limousines while they stand in line to buy soap, sugar and other scarce items, Yeltsin's message had immediate appeal.

"Yeltsin wants to give what everyone wants, to raise the standard of living and get us what we don't have," a middle-aged warehouse worker said while standing in a long line to buy pickles.

In his campaign to win a seat in the Congress, Yeltsin added denunciations of privileges granted top state and party officials to his call for immediate improvements in the average Soviet's living standard.

Voters responded with a landslide, giving Yeltsin almost 90 per cent of the vote.

The former construction engineer set a personal example by refusing the privileges of rank, though he still is a member of the party's policy-making central committee and was chauffeured to election rallies in a limousine.

His candidacy got an extra boost 10 days before the election when the central committee formed a special commission to investigate allegations that Yeltsin had been espousing views contrary to the party line.

The tactic backfired on the party — voters saw heightened persecution from above. A pre-election rally attended by thousands condemned the commission and vowed support for Yeltsin.

Moscow News said in its article that Yeltsin's backing also stems from his position as a "shadow leader, a critic of whatever is being done poorly" without having to run reforms himself.

Despite his tough-talking frankness, Yeltsin has expressly refrained from presenting himself as a direct rival to Gorbachev. But he has done nothing to conceal the animosity between himself and Ligachev.

Questioned

He has also publicly questioned Raisa Gorbachev's active role in her husband's political life, playing to widespread dislike for a woman who won't accept a traditional behind-the-scenes role and whom many Soviets regard as overly regal.

"Yeltsin has brought big-time politics down from the Olympian heights and put them at the feet of rank-and-file citizens," political analyst Vitaly Tretiakov wrote in Moscow news.

The question now, said Poroshkin, the street artist, is whether Yeltsin can put his popularity to convert his ideas into official policy.

"It's like a player at a casino who has won a lot of chips but hasn't cashed them in yet," he said.

Yeltsin reaped some benefit from his popular support this week after his failure at the Congress last Saturday to gain a seat on the new full-time national legislature, the Supreme Soviet.

Tens of thousands of people chanted "Yeltsin, Yeltsin," at a mass rally in a Moscow stadium parking lot Sunday and called for another deputy to give his seat up to Yeltsin.

Their wish was granted the next day with Gorbachev's backing.

Support for Yeltsin at recent rallies in Moscow has appeared intensely personal, with backers wearing his button-sized portrait and chanting his name. But some say they like him not for who he is, but for what he espouses.

"No one loves him for himself," Poroshkin said. "It's just that for the first time, an alternative has appeared."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1647 — England's King Charles I is seized as hostage by the Army.
1800 — Genoa capitulates to French forces.
1805 — United States concludes peace treaty with Tripoli.
1813 — Prussia and France sign armistice of Potsdam.
1815 — Denmark cedes Pomerania and Rugen to Prussia in return for part of Duchy of Lauenburg.
1859 — Austrians are defeated at Magenta by French, who free Milan in Italy.
1943 — Army troops march into Buenos Aires and overthrow government of Argentine President Ramon Castillo.
1942 — Battle of midway begins in World War II, and US ships inflict first decisive defeat on Japanese.
1944 — Allied forces enter Rome, Italy, in World War II.
1956 — Egypt announces it will not extend Suez Canal company's concession after expiration in 1959.
1970 — Kingdom of Tonga in Pacific becomes member of British Commonwealth.
1974 — Death toll from smallpox is listed as at least 10,000 in 1974 in Indian state of Bihar in one of worst epidemics in recent years.
1978 — China's foreign minister Huang Hua, visiting Zaire, expresses sharp criticism of Soviet and Cuban involvement in Africa.
1984 — Vietnam accuses China of massing troops and weapons along their common border.
1987 — Indian air force transports backed by fighter jet planes parachutes relief supplies onto Sri Lanka's Jaffna peninsula.
1988 — Iraqi warplanes attack ship in tanker holding area off Iran's Kharg island oil terminal in northern Gulf.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

By Henry Brandon

EEC 1992: Washington studying effects on US interests

BUSH administration officials told me that they are already working on the budget for 1991, that they have already approached members of Congress dealing with budgetary matters and that they have agreed to discuss it within a few weeks.

It is quite unusual for an administration to come to grips with the next budget that early and for members of Congress to be willing to enter into negotiations about it so soon. There are two basic reasons for this unusual development. One is that Bush administration officials admit, at least privately, that the balanced budget the administration sent to Congress and Congress accepted, was done to enable the President to claim that he lived up to his promise, made during the election campaign, that he would not raise taxes. And this was done with mirrors, for many of the conditions the calculations are based on, are most likely to prove too optimistic.

The other is that the administration and Congress are well aware that much of the economic instability and unpredictability in the Western World are due to the American huge budget deficit and the general belief that by the end of this year the 1990 budget will prove to have been a phony one.

The reason the administration and Congress are so eager to tackle the 1991 budget is the expectation that it will be more realistic and that this will have a reassuring effect and contribute to economic stability greater throughout the world.

Problem

The idea, however, that the United States can solve its threatening sanctions against some countries, such as Japan, India and Brazil, possibly others later on, could prove to be a double-edged sword, especially in the case of Japan. It could lead to economic counteraction, that could hurt the U.S., and to a politically damaging trade war. The threat has proved to be effective in the case of South Korea and Taiwan, two countries depending very much on exports to the United States and slow in offering trade concessions.

At least for the time being, the counter-threats by such a powerful economy as the European Economic Community, have kept it from being targeted as an unfair trader.

American opinion is divided on whether the single European market will become a major problem in American-European relations. Indicative of the enormous interest this problem has already aroused is the fact that at least six congressional committees are holding hearings on the "EEC-1992" and that several branches of the administration are studying the effects it is likely to have on American interests.

As of now, I would say that those who are deeply worried about these repercussions, are in the majority.

It is very interesting, for instance, that Lionel H. Olmer, the undersecretary of Commerce in the Reagan administration, now says that neither market access in Japan, nor controls on exports to the Soviet Union, nor the rise of Asia's newly industrialising nations to trading prominence, not even what to do about the Latin American debt, will be as much of a challenge to American business as the "EEC-92." He suggests, therefore, that a new approach to co-operation between the American government and the private sector will become necessary to enable United States industry to remain competitive.

In support of this theory he cites the fact that European Community policies have manifested genuine concern in recent years that only government intervention will prevent Western Europe from falling even further behind in technology, product innovation and profits than it already has.

He believes that unless American industry gets similar governmental support, it will not be able to remain competitive in the global race for technological leadership. He is also convinced that European companies will want continued protection from competition and keep it that way. However, he also believes that the creation of a unified European market and the lifting of trade and other barriers that go with it, are bound to lead to massive internal economic problems and that there will be at least as many losers as winners among

European business enterprises.

Olmer draws the conclusion that as European governments seek to balance their economic and political interests among the twelve member states, the legitimate interests of outsiders, such as the United States, will be the first to suffer. This will be particularly true of import-sensitive groups, such as automobiles, computers, semi-conductor telecommunications, textiles and agriculture. He predicts that the US and Europe are therefore headed for what he calls "a major collision."

The White House and the Federal Reserve Board, the American version of a central bank, I understand are not as fearful of "EEC-92" as the Department of Commerce and the International Trade representative Carla A. Hall. Being responsible for helping to facilitate American export trade, it is not surprising that the latter two are more vocal in expressing their fears and are reaching for tools to give them more muscle in this forthcoming competitive situation.

I am more inclined to believe that since Western Europe is the biggest exporter in the world and depends on export trade for its well-being, it will not turn protectionist, and that current American fears are overdone. Two-way trade between the US and the EEC in goods and services in 1988 is likely to exceed \$160 billion, a major increase over the year before. In addition, the American market has become such a magnet for European investors that well over 300 US companies were purchased by British buyers alone in a six-month period in 1988 at a value of over \$20 billion. It also means that 2.5 million jobs in Europe are dependent on the activities of US subsidiaries, representative offices and joint ventures in the civil sector of the economy, exclusive banking. Comparable figures for the US amount of 1.5 million jobs to be at stake.

Protect

Whatever measures the US government is taking to protect its industries and to help their exports, old fashioned protectionism is outdated and impossible to pursue today. That does not mean that American beliefs in the free market have not cooled somewhat, that Americans are not well aware of the inroads foreign entrepreneurs have made in the US and in the extent to which the US government has lost control over its own economy.

Indicative of the changing temper toward the Israeli government's current policy was the reaction of Israeli officials, the American news media and congressional opinion to Secretary of State James Baker's last speech on Middle East policy. There was nothing new in his asking the Israeli government to give up on its expectations to absorb the West Bank and Gaza and to halt building more Jewish settlements in those territories. Already President Carter set those goals. What was new was that he asked it to reopen the West Bank schools and to reach out to Palestinians as neighbours who deserved political rights.

There was nothing new in his telling the Palestinians that the US was not in favour of a Palestinian state, that the US would not "deliver" Israel to them or that they should halt the economic boycott of Israel. But it was new that he supported Prime Minister Itzhak Shamir's election proposal as a start of the peace process and that he asked the Arabs that Israel be accepted as one of the members of the Middle East.

The Israeli government rejected Baker's suggestions outright as "useless" and the Palestine Liberation Organisation sounded divided on whether to modify its position and swallow the Shamir election proposal as a first step toward a compromise solution. In fact Baker laid down the perimeters for the first round of accommodation between Israel and the PLO. He wants the Palestinians to content themselves for the time being with local elections and local control and the Israelis to begin negotiations with the PLO that would build on the very limited results of the local elections.

The Israelis were shocked that Baker sounded so much more even-handed than Shultz, President Reagan's Secretary of State, and that the US would continue to pursue discussions with the PLO. But public opinion has been reacting favourably to the Baker stance because Americans are taken aback by the harsh methods used by the Israeli authorities in trying to suppress the intifada demonstrations, and would prefer to be less involved in this conflict. The US has no practical ways of forcing Israel into negotiations with the PLO that would lead gradually to the end of occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. But if it could persuade the PLO to accept the Shamir election proposal, a basis for direct negotiations could develop.



President George Bush and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, during former's visit to Europe last week. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Stage

What at this stage may be more important than progress between Israel and the PLO is the fact that the Bush administration has developed and presented a clear outline on its policy toward the Middle East peace process. What is even more important is

that President Bush has wrested away the diplomatic initiative from Mikhail Gorbachev and presented his quite daring views on how to bring momentum into the European peace process and into arms control negotiations.

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The Tigers' first round of talks with the government ended last Sunday and they left to consult their supreme leader Prabhakaran, who is still in hiding in the jungle.

The analyst also said the government would have to involve other Tamil groups in any agreement reached with the Tigers.

The two provinces are currently ruled by the Indian-backed Eelam Peoples' Revolutionary Liberation Front, which is bitterly opposed to the Tigers and has not been involved in the talks.

The government has not indicated what role, if any, the Liberation Front would play in any future set-up for the Tamils. (Reuter — Colombo).

Indian troop withdrawal may defuse leftist threats

Indian community in Sri Lanka uneasy

By Rajendra Bajpai

DIPLOMATS and politicians believe President Ranasinghe Premadasa set a deadline for the withdrawal of Indian troops to defuse leftist guerrilla threats against Indian establishments and ventures in Sri Lanka.

Premadasa, who never favoured bringing in the Indian troops invited two years ago by former President Junius Jayewardene, said on Thursday he wanted to see the last of them leave the island before the end of next month.

The announcement was a surprise and the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) political party of the minority community, said Tamils, especially in eastern province, would be concerned about their safety if the troops pull out.

They landed in July 1987 mainly to suppress a separatist rebellion led by Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrilla force of Velupillai

Prabhakaran.

Their presence was opposed by most political groups. Sinhalese guerrillas of the leftist People's Liberation Front (JVP) last month called for a boycott of Indian shops and products and told people of Indian origin to leave the country.

A statement issued by JVP — its authenticity cannot be established because the movement's leaders are underground — set June 14 as the deadline for Indians to leave.

"JVP declares war against Indian imperialism which has become the enemy of our nation," the statement said, and urged Sri Lankans to shun Indian banks and goods.

A Western diplomat said the warning had caused considerable concern and might have prompted Premadasa to set a troop withdrawal deadline in a bid to placate the JVP.

He doubted the Indian forces numbering 45,000 in the Tamil-dominated north

and eastern provinces would be able to leave by the end of next month.

A Tamil politician said the president probably wanted to defuse anti-Indian sentiment stirred by JVP which had an explosive potential.

He said Premadasa had given reasonable time for the troops to leave and the announcement was certain to have some impact in reducing the tension.

There are only 240 registered Indians in Sri Lanka but perhaps several hundred more who work here have not made contact with the Indian High Commission (embassy).

There are also several hundred first- or second-generation Indian business families, excluding Tamils, who have acquired Sri Lankan citizenship and have business interests on the island.

The JVP warning was aimed at non-Tamils and has caused nervousness in the Indian community.

No Indian shops or banks have been

Man in the news

Uno: painter-poet-turned prime minister

BUSINESS & FINANCE

UAE foreign reserves decline

ABU DHABI, June 3. (KUNA): Foreign reserves of currencies and gold in the United Arab Emirates dropped in 1988 to \$4.4 billion compared to \$4.7 billion in 1987, an official report said.

The report, recently issued by the UAE Central Bank for the year 1988, said the reserves went down from 384.6 per cent at the end of 1987 to 353.4 per cent by the end of 1988.

The stability in the UAE dollar exchange rates in 1988 resulted in stability in imports prices and provided support for the local currency's purchase power, which, in turn, helped reduce imported inflation.

This stability, the report noted, paved the way for partial return of funds invested abroad as a result of flourishing in non-oil economic sectors.

Oil projects

Iraq to spend over \$6 billion

BAGHDAD, June 3. (Reuters): Iraq will spend more than \$6 billion over the next four years on oil projects, the official Iraqi news agency said today.

It quoted a senior official as saying the projects included development of five oilfields, expansion of export terminals and work on oil export facilities at the port of Khor Al Zubir.

Iraq is expected to resume exports from its Al Bakr oil terminal this month. Al Bakr and other outlets were damaged during the eight-year war with Iran.

OPEC hopes to clinch output deal

VIENNA, June 3. (Reuters): OPEC ministers voiced optimism today of clinching a deal on oil output quotas to defend this year's big gain in prices but an authoritative source said the talks were at a delicate stage.

One senior minister said the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries would raise the ceiling on the group's total oil output, now 18.5 million barrels a day, to satisfy competing demands among the 13 members to sell more oil.

The minister, who declined to be identified, acknowledged difficulties on sharing out the extra volume among individual country quotas but added: "There will be no impasse."

An authoritative source later said preparatory bilateral exchanges in which OPEC

president Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria was sounding out key ministers were "at a very delicate stage" and would continue tomorrow.

Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba of the United Arab Emirates, whose country's persistent floating of its mandated output quota is the biggest OPEC problem, saw his dentist and was not well enough to meet Lukman and other mediators, the source said.

Other highly-placed sources said it would be possible to raise the ceiling on total OPEC output about 90 minutes in a run-up to formal strategy sessions that begin Monday.

Venezuela's oil chief, Celestino Armas, said the officials would huddle privately today before sitting down together again tomorrow.

The UAE finds its mandated quota too low to satisfy the oil sales ambitions of its component emirates.

A senior delegate from the Gulf said that "there will be an increase in the ceiling of one million barrels or more." Another highly-placed source said strong world oil demand was already supporting actual OPEC volume of 21 million.

"We will continue discussions," said Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer. "We have barely started."

Nazer and 11 other ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries met for about 90 minutes in a run-up to formal strategy sessions that begin Monday.

Evenness in the market, he said, "will be brought by production levels in accordance with demand."

Some officials predict the ministers may decide to extend temporarily the current accord if they cannot reach a quick consensus.

Prices are more than 40 per cent above the level of their last ministerial meeting in November.

Prices have skyrocketed since then. The surge has been attributed not only to the organisation's output cuts but also to accidents in oil-producing areas.

They have combined to reduce the supply of oil to the world market.

Now, futures for US benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude oil are just above \$20, buoyed by demand and improved, if not total, OPEC supply discipline.



UAE Oil Minister Mana Saeed Al Otaiba enters the conference building where the second meeting of the eight-minister monitoring committee of the OPEC is held in Vienna. On Monday a full OPEC ministers meeting will be held. (Reuter wirephoto)

Patent experts to discuss computer programmes

Fight against counterfeit products

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, June 3. (AP): Patent experts from 67 nations kicked off a week-long conference yesterday dealing with copyrighting computer programmes, patenting new plant species and the fight against counterfeit products in Western markets.

The aim of the meeting was "to forge a consensus on a number of important issues" involving the world-wide enforcement of trademarks and patents, said Martin Lutz, the assistant secretary-general of the International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property.

He spoke to reporters prior to

the official opening of the 34th world congress of the 92-year-old organization, which is generally known under its French acronym AIPPI (Association Internationale Pour La Protection De La Propriete Industrielle).

Although the 1,800 delegates were to discuss dozens of legal and technical topics, the emphasis of the conference was to be on recent developments in protecting computer software and innovations in the biotechnology sector, said Taerit Schaper, the congress chairman.

He noted that last year, industry representatives from Western Europe, Japan and the United

most nations, their underlying mathematical structures are not, according to Henk Hanneman, the head of the Patents and Information Department of Oeo-Vander Grinten, a Dutch office automation company.

"The question is how to protect the results of extremely expensive fundamental research and development efforts without jeopardising the free flow of scientific information," Hanneman told reporters during yesterday's news conference.

Such methods are being applied in complicated programmes for the design of big computerised telephone exchanges or the planning of airline

schedules, according to Hanneman.

He added that "the general trend among patent experts is that the US patent office is going a bit far by granting such patents."

The experts were also expected to explore the brand-new field of biotechnological patents.

Currently, new or improved plants enjoy only limited protection, but companies involved in gene manipulation are seeking better ways to protect their research results, often obtained at great cost, according to congress chairman Schaper.

Move to create conditions for recovery

IMF loans for Algeria

WASHINGTON, June 3. (UPI):

The International Monetary Fund announced yesterday its first loans ever to Algeria totaling \$588 million in support of the North African country's programme of economic liberalisation.

The IMF approved loans for \$47.9 million Special Drawing Rights, its reserve and accounting unit. Of the total, \$15.7 million SDRs, equivalent to \$194 million, are available over the next 12 months under a standby loan arrangement.

The fund said the standby loan is for the amount of Algeria's "first credit tranche."

A country's IMF quota, or its share of the multilateral organisation's capital, is divided into portions called tranches. A first tranche loan is subject to less stringent IMF conditions than loans from subsequent quota portions.

This is the first use of fund resources by Algeria, which joined the IMF on Sept. 26, 1963. The North African country's IMF quota is SDR 623.1 million.

The standby loan supports the Algerian government's programme for 1989, which is designed to create conditions for an economic recovery and an increase in employment through structural reforms, the IMF said.

Alfonso urged to quit

Inflation, devaluation bring hunger

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, June 3. (AP): The food riots that killed 14 people this week has ended, but hunger remains in this country that has some of the richest farmland on earth — the pampas — and many more cows and sheep than people.

Rosario, the worst-hit city, "is surrounded by dairies, and yet a litre (quart) of milk costs 100 austral (about 50 cents)," says Patricia Martin, a sociological researcher. That's about two per cent of what many workers earn in a month.

"We have everything — meat, fish, cereals. The food is here," colleague Carlos Flood adds. "It's not like the country doesn't have food. The problem is distribution."

For most Argentines, grocery store prices that go up several times a day have far outstripped wage increases, reflecting inflation that may have increased by 80 per cent in May alone. On an annual basis, that amounts to a hyperinflationary 115,583 per cent a year.

For the poor, almost every austral that doesn't go to rent or clothes or school or transportation to work is spent on food. Nothing is saved.

Market turns mixed

Kuwait trade volume and value retreat

THE Alshali Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 38.14 points with an increase of 0.25 point — 0.66 per cent — over last week's average. The Alshali Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 66.95 points with a decrease of 0.48 point — 0.71 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshali Economic Consultants' weekly report.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 14.91 million shares at a daily average of 2.98 million shares with a decrease of 38 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 4.77 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 5.76 million shares at a daily average of 1.15 million shares with a decrease of 21 per cent from last week's daily average of 1.46 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD4.60 million at a daily average of KD0.920 million, a decrease of 45 per cent from last week's daily average of KD1.67 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.289 million at a daily average of KD0.058 million, a decrease of 12 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.066 million.

The market showed signs of mixed performance leaning to the weak side especially in the non-Kuwaiti shares market.

When market performance gives weak signs, trading activity is usually concentrated on few companies which reflects future trading trends.

The Stock Exchange Authority is presently trying to make few changes in the companies listed in the official stock market, and discussing new policies to allow non-Kuwaiti companies into the official market under certain conditions, together with establishing a new market that allows the listing of smaller promising companies.

"We believe that these new policies will lead to more diversification in the market that would create more confidence among market dealers, in spite of the possible decision of relisting old companies and transferring actually listed companies, which show weak performance, to the new parallel market."

The report said: "These present solutions will not satisfy everyone, but we believe that if less time had been spent concerning this issue, a better solution would have been achieved."

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector led at 75 per cent of total trading against 70 per cent last week.

The Gulf Bank had the lead at 31 per cent followed by The National Bank of Kuwait at 23 per cent and Commercial Bank at 20 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 24 per cent of which National Investment Co. led at 61 per cent followed by Kuwait Investment Projects at 13 per cent and Investment Pearl Kuwait, which is now listed under the real estate sector, at 11 per cent.

Third came the services sector at 13 per cent of total market trading of which Kuwait Commercial Markets led at 60 per cent followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 22 per cent and Public Warehousing at 15 per cent. For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Umm Al Quain Cement led at 26 per cent followed by Bahrain and Middle East Bank at 24 per cent and Coast Investment and Development Company at 24 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index Wednesday 31/05/89 Wednesday 24/05/89 Change points

Banking Sector The National Bank 111.20 110.06 1.15 The Gulf Bank 31.92 32.36 -0.44 The Commercial Bank 22.83 23.27 -0.44 Al Ahli Bank 31.79 31.79 — Bank of Kuwait & M. East 30.50 30.50 — Kuwait R. Estate Bank 28.29 29.14 -0.86

	Wednesday 31/05/89	Wednesday 24/05/89	Change points
Burgan Bank	27.06	27.06	—
Kuwait Finance House	78.27	78.27	—
Sector Index	46.15	46.14	0.01
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	17.81	17.45	0.37
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	11.34	12.03	-0.69
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	69.05	69.05	—
IFA	31.62	31.62	—
Commercial Facilities	115.50	115.50	—
National Investments	68.63	64.71	3.92
Kuwait Investment Proj.	92.13	93.26	-1.12
Sector Index	36.29	33.08	3.21
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	34.09	34.09	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	24.62	25.38	-0.77
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	48.80	48.80	—
Warbi Insurance Co.	62.71	62.71	—
Sector Index	35.53	35.73	-0.20
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	16.82	16.57	0.25
United Realty	6.14	6.14	—
National Real Estate	35.83	35.83	—
Sector Index	13.63	13.56	0.07
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	11.59	11.59	—
Refrigeration Indust.	84.55	84.55	—
Gulf Cables	109.73	110.87	-1.13
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	73.78	78.22	-4.44
Sector Index	30.19	30.53	-0.33
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	159.84	162.00	-2.16
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	69.70	69.70	—
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	37.29	36.83	0.46
Mobile Telephone Syst.	290.48	290.48	—
Sector Index	55.70	55.68	0.01
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.62	—
Kuwait United Poultry	84.34	84.34	—
Kuwait Food Co.	66.67	66.67	—
Sector Index	35.78	35.77	0.01
Overall Index	38.14	37.90	0.25

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index Wednesday 31/05/89 Wednesday 24/05/89 Change points

First Gulf Bank 144.74 144.74 —

Bahrain Internat. Bank 86.90 88.28 -1.38

Bahrain M. East Bank 90.17 91.12 -0.95

Coast Inv. & Dev.

Icahn sells his 42.3m shares in Texaco

NEW YORK, June 3. (UPI): Carl Icahn, chairman of Trans World Airlines, Thursday sold his 42.3 million shares in Texaco Inc. for more than \$2 billion — 49 a share — in the largest block trade in dollar terms in the history of the New York Stock Exchange.

Texaco sought bankruptcy protection in April 1987 to avoid paying an unprecedented \$10.3 billion judgement awarded to Pennzoil Co. in their bitter battle over Getty Oil Co. ownership. Texaco acquired Getty in 1984.

Icahn began accumulating Texaco stock in late 1987 after the oil company lost several legal rounds in Texas on its bid to have the judgement reversed.

The TWA chairman was a major player behind Texaco's agreement to pay \$3

billion to Pennzoil to settle the Getty Oil dispute.

Icahn also played a role in Texaco's \$5.6 billion reorganisation plan, which included the \$3 billion Pennzoil payment and set the stage for the oil giant's emergence from bankruptcy proceedings in April 1988.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines announced Thursday it has joined the bidding for Northwest Airlines' parent company, NWA Inc., as a minority partner in the offer by Los Angeles investor Alfred Cecchi.

NWA has been for sale since late March after it rejected a \$90-a-share offer worth \$2.7 billion from Los Angeles investor Marvin Davis.

Northwest set Tuesday Yaaedline for

suitors to submit bids.

Pan Am Corp. said Tuesday it had lined up five banks to help finance its bid for the carrier. The International Association of Machinists, the airline's largest union, also announced Tuesday it had made a bid.

Avon Products Inc. Tuesday snubbed a merger overture by Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc., a rival door-to-door cosmetics company, with Avon's chairman, in a now familiar refrain, stating the company is not for sale.

"We see no advantage to combining our operations through some form of leveraged buyout or other arrangement," Avon chairman James E. Preston said in a letter to Mary Kay's vice-chairman, John Rochon.

The TWA chairman was a major player behind Texaco's agreement to pay \$3

billion to Pennzoil to settle the Getty Oil dispute.

LTV Corp., currently in chapter 11 bankruptcy, said Tuesday it will sell its steel bar division for an undisclosed sum to the division's 4,700 employees who will run it as a separate business in Massillon, Ohio.

LTV, the aerospace-defence-steel-energy conglomerate headquartered in Dallas, had tried to sell the division since last October.

General Electric Co. said Tuesday it had chosen American Telephone and Telegraph Co., British Telecom PLC and France Telecom Inc. to build a global communications network that will link GE offices world-wide.

4.7 per cent and was greater than the 1.8 per cent forecast.

UK economy shows evidence of slowdown

US equity and bond markets recover

AS anticipated the dollar entered a consolidation and correction phase this week with the markets reflecting on higher interest rates in Japan, and expectations of increases elsewhere. Whilst data releases on the real economy provided reasonably robust evidence, the key employment numbers were sharply down on expectations, easing earlier inflation concerns and fuelling speculation that the Fed could be looking to ease policy shortly. This was underlined by S.W. Bank of St Louis reducing their prime rate by half a percentage point to 11 per cent (others however, may not be as quick to follow), according to NBK weekly money market review.

Equity and bond markets recovered on the employment news whilst the dollar ended the week lower at DM1.966 and yen 141.9.

New home sales rose a much higher than forecast 10.9 per cent in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 620,000 units. This followed a revised 10.4 per cent fall in March compared with the 5.5 per cent decrease originally reported.

Factory orders increased 2.7 per cent in April following a 0.7 per cent rise in March and a 2 per cent fall in February. This was the largest monthly increase since December when orders rose

4.7 per cent and was greater than the 1.8 per cent forecast.

Leading indicators rose by 0.8 per cent in April as expected following falls of 0.6 per cent and 0.3 per cent in March and February respectively. Over the past year the leading index has risen 3 per cent compared with a 2.5 per cent increase in the previous year.

Unemployment as expected increased by 5.2 per cent in May following a 5.3 per cent increase in April and compares with a 5.6 per cent rise in May 1988.

Non-farm payroll increased by a much lower than anticipated 10,000 in May following an upwardly revised figure of 206,000 new jobs in April.

The correction phase is anticipated to continue over the forthcoming week with markets keenly awaiting the major data release of the PPI. "Westill maintain that inflationary pressures have yet to completely subside and a number of 0.5 per cent or above is expected. Consequently this will rule out immediate speculation of a Fed ease and the dollar should continue to maintain support."

"We continue to reiterate that the dollar's bullish phase has still some way to go. With perceived investment opportunities elsewhere currently diminished, economic trends in the US are being reassessed. The prevailing

tight monetary stance and fiscal rectitude suggesting a shortage of dollars against a rising investor preference for US denominated assets is expected to continue over the summer months to maintain the dollar's position."

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM1.94-2.01 and yen 138-143.

Most of this week's movements in the FX markets centred on sterling. Sterling had a bad week, falling at one point to \$1.585 (its lowest level against the dollar since February 1987) and declining on the crosses against the DM to DM3.1075.

The pound ended the week slightly higher than its earlier low at £/\$1.587 and DM3.11

"We have reiterated time and again that a currency which has become increasingly sensitive to interest rates remains vulnerable on the downside with the expanded current account deficit and rising prices. Although pressure on sterling diminished somewhat toward the end of the week, a further precipitous decline could still take place."

Whilst arguably there is no domestic justification for increasing interest rates with the economy showing evidence of slowdown the need to defend sterling could see base rates move even higher.

Slow growth in jobs spurs talk of lower rates

Economy is cooling

WASHINGTON, June 3. (Reuters): The US unemployment rate dipped to 5.2 per cent in May, the government said yesterday but a surprising slowdown in job creation gave fresh evidence that the economy is cooling and interest rates may be about to fall.

While the Labour Department said the jobless rate fell from 5.3 per cent in April, the financial markets focused instead on the closely watched figure of new non-farm job growth, which slowed to 101,000 jobs after a revised 206,000 jobs in April.

The rate of job growth was the slowest since

March 1986, when 84,000 jobs were added to non-farm payrolls. April's total was revised upward from an originally reported 117,000.

The data confirmed recent evidence that the economy is cooling, which could prompt the Federal Reserve Board to ease its year-long grip on credit.

The central bank has pushed up interest rates over the past year to wring inflation out of the economy.

Sensing the trend, Southwest Bank of St Louis immediately said it would lower its prime lending rate, or what it charges preferred customers, to 11.0 per cent from 11.5 per cent, effective on Monday.

Other banks are soon expected to follow suit.

The Bush administration has urged the Fed to relax credit to weaken the soaring dollar and thus help reduce the US trade deficit. Higher interest rates make the dollar and dollar-linked investments more attractive, but in turn make US exports more expensive.

The unemployment report, the first look at the economy's performance in May, said a tepid 101,000 new jobs were added to non-farm payrolls last month, the smallest monthly gain since 84,000 new jobs were created in March 1986.

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	OPEN	CLOSE					
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.33	2.29					
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.19	2.15					
ARAB BANK	150.5	149.5					
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.51	4.55					
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.71	1.71					
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05	1.02					
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.60	0.60					
ARAB INT/UNION INS	1.11	1.16					
ARAB INTER-HOTELS	1.27	1.28					
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BR	2.37	2.37					
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.35	0.35					
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	3.50	3.50					
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM.	1.43	1.43					
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65	1.65					
ARABIAN SEAS' INS.	1.65	1.65					
BANK OF JORDAN	15.20	15.40					
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.05	1.03					
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95					
CAIRO ANNAH BANK	30.00	30.50					
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25					
DAR AL SHAB PRESS	0.28	0.28					
DAR ALDAMA INV/TW.	2.54	2.55					
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.78	0.79					
FINANCE/REDIT/CDR	0.75	0.71					
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60	4.60					
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63					
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.27					
GENERAL MINNING	2.10	2.10					
HINMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75					
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44					
IND./MATCH JENCO	0.83	0.85					
INDSTR/DEVLPT BNK	1.68	1.70					
INDSTR/COMAG/AGR.	1.73	1.73					
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75					
INTERN. CON/INV	0.13	0.13					
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90					
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64					
ITERMED/PIETRI/CH	2.17	2.15					
J-TOUR-SP. COMPLEX	0.79	0.80					
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29					
JOR TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.00	19.50					
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.06	2.06					
JOR ELECTRIC INS.	25.05	25.05					
JOR FINANCIAL POWER	1.49	1.48					
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22					
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.04	1.03					
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.18					
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.58	2.50					
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20					
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83					
JOR LIN BRICK	0.18	0.17					
JOR MANAG/CONSULT.	0.50	0.50					
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.46	2.46					
JOR PAPER CARDEROG	3.70	3.70					
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	5.90	5.90					
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.26	2.24					
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72					
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25					
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.04	1.05					
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11					
JOR SELPING CHEM.	2.10	2.06					
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	4.70	4.85					
JOR KUWAIT AGR.	0.91	0.91					
JOR PETROLEUM REF	7.80	7.81					
JOR FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45					
JOR INV.FIN.CORP.	2.55	2.49					
JORDAN GULF REAL.	0.34	0.34					
JORDAN DAIRY	1.10	1.09					
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.19	1.18					
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95					
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.25	3.25					
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	2.00	2.05					
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.45	1.45					
JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.06					

Number of incidents on the increase in India

Dowry deaths: still a burning problem

By Simon Kimmersley

SHE had been married just a year when the end came — a finish much more permanent than separation or divorce. He tipped a can of paraffin all over her, soaking her hair and clothes. Then he stood back and smiled as he watched the terror in her face. He pulled out a box of matches, struck one — and threw it at her.

Her screams could be heard several houses away. They were louder than any the neighbours had heard in the months before. Death didn't come until days after the flames that had enveloped her body had died down. There was nothing the doctors at the hospital could do except take away some of the terrible pain. She had 90 per cent burns and the nylon of her sari had melted into her skin.

Shobha (whose face in our photograph has been disguised) described to her parents what had happened through a mist of painkillers.

Her husband, not surprisingly, insisted that it had all been an accident. She had been cooking using the paraffin stove. He had warned her about the dangers, but once again she had built up too much pressure. It had exploded, covering her in a sheet of flame.

Shobha was just 20 when she died and she'd been married less than a year. The whole tragic story made just a couple of lines in the local paper. After all, who was going to raise much fuss? Official figures list such deaths at the rate of four a day, while most people acknowledge that it could run at 100 a week, maybe even more.

In India they call them either Dowry Deaths or Burning Brides, and the number of incidents is on the increase.

At the root of the problem is the dowry, the gifts expected by the groom and his family from the bride's parents for taking their daughter. It could be cash, gold, property, things for the house or personal items. The value could be as little as £100 or run into thousands, according to the finances of the family.

"The dowry system began as a few gifts to set up the new

home," says Ammu Abraham of the Women's Centre in Santa Cruz, a suburb of Bombay. "But over the years the expectations and demands have changed. Families now expect a lot of cash to be given and if it's not, then they look for another bride for their son."

"And the custom has changed so that the demands continue even after the daughter has married. More money is ordered, then presents like a scooter or television. When the bride's parents refuse or they simply haven't the money, then the harassment of the bride begins. This can mean verbal abuse and terrible rows, it can mean threats of violence, or attacks and regular beatings. Finally there is the very real threat of death."

Deaths

According to the Women's Centre, dowry deaths — and the terrible pressures on women who discover too late that their husband's married them only for what their parents can provide — cross all social and most religious barriers. They know that the problem is by no means confined to the working classes and ill-educated, it is also a major issue among the more affluent middle classes.

In a world and a country where marriages are frequently arranged rather than a result of true love, the dowry and what it's worth is very much part of the package and taken into account by the parents of an eligible son. Like customers at a carshowroom, if they don't like the deal, then they'll pass on to another girl, whatever the feelings of the prospective partners.

Last year there was the tragic story of three sisters, Mamta, Alka and Poomi, who could take no more of the parading in front of a series of prospective bridegrooms, only to be rejected because of their inadequate dowry. In desperation, the three of them made a suicide pact and hanged themselves in the family living room. Such is the pressure of dowry.

But, as so many women have found to their cost, sometimes there is no end to the paying.

The parents of Madhu handed over £2,000 and five acres of land when their daughter married.

But the demands from the husband and in-laws continued. They sent the girl to Coventry, refusing to talk to her for weeks, made her eat their left-overs, locked her away for days at a time. Eventually, her body was found at the bottom of a well. Her husband was imprisoned for two years.

There are cases like that of Kamala, who was burnt to death when her mother-in-law hurled a stove at her. When neighbours, alerted by her screams, beat the door down and tried to rescue her, the woman threw two more nylon saris on her, fueling the flames still further. Kancharan, a 19-year-old, was burnt to death by her husband when her parents refused to give him a television, or top of the jewellery and cash they'd already handed over.

Terrifying
An insight into the terrifying world of a woman under threat of becoming a burning bride is provided by Mangala, an attractive 22-year-old, who is one of the few women to have survived such a marriage. "The harassment started within a few days of our wedding," she recalls. "The family were demanding that my parents give my husband a motorbike.

"When I told them that they had given all the money they could afford, I was beaten up. It was so frightening, because they would attack me regularly and often when I wasn't expecting it — when I was asleep or washing. They told my parents that I had died and my body had been disposed of, then they threw me out of the house. But my husband came after me, dragged me back by my hair and locked me in a room.

"After that, I was beaten up, either by him or his parents, every day. I think they were planning to kill me. Had it not been for a neighbour who couldn't bear hearing me scream all the time and reported it to the police, then I wouldn't be here now. As it was, the police arres-

ted my husband and his parents and rescued me. My mother and father were very surprised to see me."

Her story is almost unique, if only because it's one of the few with a happy ending. Yet, for all the suffering, terror and even death caused by dowry, it seems remarkable to discover that in fact demanding dowry, whether in money or gifts, was outlawed 28 years ago. But "expecting" gifts from a bride's family is not illegal and it is this grey area that removes the safety net for millions of women in India. After all, how do you create an act that explains the difference between demand and expectation?

It is these blurrings in legislation, Justice Syed Massoud agrees, which make the law so difficult to enforce and to protect women as it was intended.

"Many acts have been passed to prevent the payment of dowry," he says. "The taking or receiving of dowry is prohibited and people can be prosecuted. But what is the difference between dowry and gift? More importantly, who is going to lodge the complaint? Certainly not the bride or her parents if they fear for her life. Another problem is that many of them aren't even aware of the law, or that there's something there to protect them."

Yet, according to the Women's Centre, payments may go on for years, with the bride's parents handing over money or goods pretty much on demand. "It's really a lifelong blackmail," Ammu Abraham says. "The parents know that there's always the very real danger that if they don't pay then, at the very least, their daughter will be harassed and probably beaten up. At the other extreme, she could be brutally murdered. It's no wonder that they give if they possibly can."

For the wife, there's the additional fear for her own children. That's one of the reasons why very few will give statements to the police even after they've been burnt or beaten — even then, intimidated.

But the social stigma that comes with that makes it very hard. Women fear bringing dishonour on their own family, of being thrown out by their in-laws, if they get a conviction, of being made destitute with their children. So they stay with their husbands and suffer.

Ammu Abraham recalls, "One woman who was being harassed and beaten up moved back in with her parents. But she felt that she'd deserted her husband so, against our advice, she went back to him. Within three months she was in hospital with 90 per cent burns. Two

days later, she was dead."

While it is estimated that some 80 per cent of the burns cases in some hospitals are a direct result of bride burning, in many instances there is nothing to stop the husband and his parents starting the process all over again.

"It's become a way for a family to accumulate wealth," says Ammu Abraham. "You could call it asset stripping. You empty out the coffers of one family and, when there's nothing left, get rid of the daughter, find another wife and repeat the process."

It's no wonder most parents pray that their children turn out to be sons. After all, under the dowry system, boys bring in wealth whereas girls drain the family finances. Inevitably, according to Ammu Abraham, some would-be parents are prepared to do something more positive about determining their child's sex.

"Even though it's been outlawed, a lot of them go in for sex determination. The wife will have an amniocentesis, not to



Shobha on her wedding day. Less than a year later, her husband allegedly doused her in paraffin and set her alight.

see if the foetus is healthy, but to find out its sex. It'll cost them £20 to find out, which is a lot cheaper than the £2,000 which the dowry could cost. If it's a girl, then they'll have an abortion for £3 and then try again."

Her allegations are backed up by the male to female ratio of births, which in almost every country in the world favours the female. In India it's 1000/933 in favour of the male. Confidence? Definitely not, Ammu insists. What's more, the number of girls born has shown a steady decline since dowry became an acknowledged problem.

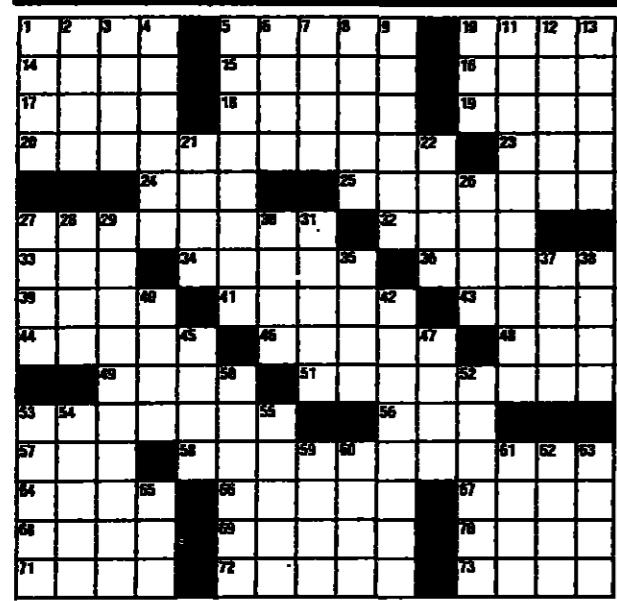
Fear
"Even though it's been outlawed, a lot of them go in for sex determination. The wife will have an amniocentesis, not to

that day — they'd come into the hospital to provide final identification of their daughter. In between the tears and sadness, they begged for her not to be named, since they were terrified of further reprisals.

"They cannot take any more money from us because we had given them everything to spare her, and we are still borrowing money, at 15 per cent a month. Now we fear for the life of our granddaughter. They have warned us, if we cause trouble, she could be in great danger. Even though they have taken the person we treasured and loved most, there are still the threats."

Justice Massoud insists that the legal system can comfortably deal with such threats. But the parents who lose their daughters have less faith in the system under which murderers are protected by their victims, brides continue to burn, dowry deaths go on and the authorities admit they are powerless until someone speaks out. A vicious, tragic circle to which there seems no end, no hope.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1 As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦KQ5 ♠AJS2 ♠K105 ♠J73
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ 2 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.2 As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.3 As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.4 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦K95 ♠AJ32 ♠KJ3 ♠Q5
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

Q.5 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦6 ♠KQ10732 ♠AKJS3 ♠6
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

Q.6 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦Q104 ♠742 ♠J732 ♠K93
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
2 ♠ 3 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.7 As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.8 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦Q104 ♠742 ♠J732 ♠K93
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
2 ♠ 3 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.9 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.10 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.11 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.12 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.13 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.14 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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The bidding has proceeded:
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1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.15 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.16 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.17 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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The bidding has proceeded:
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1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.18 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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The bidding has proceeded:
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1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.19 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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The bidding has proceeded:
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What action do you take?

Q.20 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.21 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.22 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.23 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.24 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.25 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.26 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.27 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.28 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.29 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.30 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.31 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.32 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.33 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.34 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What action do you take?

Q.35 Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦83 ♠KJ1052 ♠106 ♠AK104
The bidding

SNIPPETS

QUIAPO: Two suspected members of a syndicate printing counterfeit money were arrested in Quiapo by agents of the Criminal Investigation Service (CIS) last week.

Seized from Alex Guinto, 22, and Yosop Datu Manong, 34, was a total of P19,300 bogus money, said CIS-National Capital District chief Col. Rex Piad.

Piad said his office in Camp Crane last week received a tip about the syndicate's activities.

NCD-CISS intelligence men led by Capt. Balligi Tira and Lt. Wilfredo Celaje placed the area under surveillance. Tira and his men then implemented a buy-bust operation and arrested Guinto and Manong at the Muslim compound in Quiapo at about 8 am.

Tira said Guinto and Manong admitted they were members of a group that passed off counterfeit money in public.

They also claimed that millions of fake P50 and P100 bills have been circulated by the syndicate in Metro Manila and parts of the country, Tira said.

A certain "Ali Punto", a native of Mindanao, is reportedly the syndicate boss, Tira added.

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MANILA: A Social Security System employee was charged with falsification of a construction progress report before the Sandiganbayan.

SSS real estate appraiser Nilo Santos of 39 Crystal St., Twin River Subd., Marikina, was charged by Tanodbayan Prosecutor Rodolfo Reynoso.

Records showed that on Feb 7, 1984, Santos reported that 95 per cent of the house of borrower Jesus Martin was finished, prompting SSS to pay Martin P12,750.

When rechecked, only 70 per cent of Martin's house was found completed.

Bail for Santos' temporary liberty was set at P15,000.

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BULACAN: A labourer was killed and two others were seriously injured when the jeep carrying them rammed a Meralco post along the provincial road in Barangay Pangiñon, Guiguinto, Bulacan.

Pinned to death was Rosevel Marcelo, 23.

Injured were driver Noriel Marcelo, 23, and Florenciano Pantaleon, 23, both of Barangay Perez, Bulacan, Bulacan.

Guiguinto police chief Capt. Armando Morelos, said the jeep was on its way to MacArthur highway.

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RIZAL: Two wealthy businessmen were murdered by two of their associates after they were robbed of P120,000 in cash in Binangonan, Rizal.

Riddled with 45 bullets and burned to a crisp were Realito Gutierrez and Leonardo Cacao, both of Julian Jose Subdivision, Calamba, Laguna.

Binangonan Police chief Maj. Diosadado Ybanez said Gutierrez and Cacao left their place at 7 pm Tuesday with two other men. "Sabi po nila may pupuntahan silang importanterang negosyo," witnesses told police.

The group boarded a motorized banca driven by a certain Dan and got off at Pritil in Binangonan.

Two hours later, the companions of Gutierrez and Cacao were seen boarding another banca driven by a certain Alfred with the money bag of the two.

"Para ng silang nangginginig," witnesses told police.

Yesterday, a group of fishermen found the victims covered with dry leaves in Barangay Pinagilinan.

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MAKATI: Shipments of shoes, perfumes and computer sets were seized by Customs authorities when the documents covering the goods were found to be fake.

The shipments were consigned to several companies, including Rustan's Department Store.

The 68 parcels containing Bally shoes, Tretorn rubber shoes and perfumes were consigned to Rustans, said airport customs collector Zapiro Respicio.

The computer sets, complete with keyboards and processors, were consigned to Rank Safe Corporation of No 5 Fortune Bldg., Legazpi Village, Makati.

Respicio said the shipping documents covering the seized goods were found to be forged and the signature of customs examiners and appraisers were forged.

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MADRID: The body of Filipino victim of the ill-fated Anna Leonhardt was found on Spanish shore, the Philippine embassy in Madrid reported last week.

Ten of the 15 crewmen reported missing when the 3,900-ton West German freighter was battered by a powerful hurricane in the Atlantic Ocean early last March had been found.

Of the ten bodies found in an advanced state of decomposition, three were identified as Filipinos. They were Domingo Regacho, Asterio de Guzman and Hilario Rosal.

The other two were identified as German nationals. The rest remained unidentified.

Earlier, the Spanish authorities ordered the immediate burial of the two Filipino seamen who drifted into the Spanish shore if they failed to receive instructions from Manila.

Philippine Ambassador to Spain Juan Jose Rocha identified the other missing Filipino crewmen as Armando Alegre, Abundia Mercado, Vicente Cruz, Carlos Torre, Reynaldo Robles, Luisito Pedroso, Henry Parcon and Rodrigo Palmaria.

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PARANAQUE: A pedicab driver was stabbed dead while asleep and a laborer was killed by his co-worker in Pasay City and in Paranaque.

Pedicab driver Vicente Villamala Jr., 29, of 2205 Cinco de Junio St., Pasay City, died before reaching Pasay City General Hospital. He had a stab wound in the chest.

Officer-on-call Pfc. Cesar Manansala Jr. said Villamala was asleep in his pedicab parked on Libertad St. when attacked by an unidentified man.

In Paranaque, labourer Joshua Aracilles, 29, of JMP Enterprise, JMP Compound, 4th Estate Subdivision, died from a stab wound in the stomach.

Pfc. Rodolfo de Leon gathered from witnesses that Aracilles was drinking liquor with Salvador Bacitas, a co-worker, when they quarreled.

Bacitas escaped.

Sani Pacleno

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MANILA: The Manager of an Ermita money shop was pistol-whipped on the head and robbed by men on a motorcycle.

But Carmela Canto, who holds office at 1226-A.M.H. del Pilar St., refused to be brought to the hospital.

Witnesses told police that Canto's car was bumped by a jeepney at the corner of Arquiza and A. Mabini streets at about 10 am. When Canto's driver got out, two men on a motorcycle with plate No. JB-458 tried to grab Canto's bag.

Canto resisted, so one of the men pistol-whipped her on the head. Minutes after, the motorcycle was found at the corner of Vasquez and Remedios streets. Witnesses said the motorcycle had been bumped by another jeepney.

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MANILA: Four suspected members of a group selling choice parcels of land using spurious land titles were arrested by Manila policemen before they could swindle a Japanese businessman of P6 million.

Arrested were Felipe Enriquez, alleged president of CVE Enterprises at 960 Josefa St., Sampaloc; Perico Jao, alleged president of Phil. Asia Corp. at Legazpi Towers, Manila; Teresita Guevara of BF Homes, Paranaque and her legal counsel, Raymundo Aguila.

They were arrested after former Manila fiscal Jose Gamboa, on behalf of Phil. Trust Company which owns a 4,677-square metre lot on Roxas Blvd., complained that the syndicate was selling the lot.

Enriquez "sold" the lot to Jao for only P2 million last year although the still unnotarized dead or sale executed by Enriquez stated P3 million as the selling price, said Western Police District general assignment section chief Crescendo Cabasal.

Using the deed of sale of the land, Jao proposed a joint venture with Japanese investor Toshiyuki Miwa, president of Royal Asia Company. Jao was demanding P6 million from Miwa for "paying back taxes."

Aguila and Guevara presented land title no. TCT 154203 issued to a Sta. Ana property of Lilia Tesoro.

Cabasal said the syndicate was uncovered after Phil. Trust officials read in a newspaper that their property was being advertised for sale. Rudy Kahulugan

Juico allowed leave of absence

By Deedee M. Sytangco

PRESIDENT Aquino announced a sweeping investigation of the aborted Garchitorena estate transaction by an independent fact-finding committee led by retired Supreme Court Associate Justice Jose Feria and her acceptance of the offer of Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico to go on leave of absence.

Feria named retired Supreme Court Associate Justice Nestor B. Alampay and Leon Garcia Jr., president of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, as members of the fact-finding committee on the Garchitorena estate deal.

President Aquino said the committee is granted all the powers of an investigating body under Sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code, including the power to summon witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony or evidence relevant to the investigation, and obtain compulsory powers to produce documents, books, records, and other matters in the performance of its functions.

Based on the results of

President Aquino announces her acceptance of the offer of Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico (left) to go on leave, pending the results of an investigation she has ordered on the Garchitorena estate case. At right is Press Secretary Adolfo S. Azcuna.

initial investigations, the President said she decided to conduct a "thorough investigation on the matter so that we can assure our people that this will be a very independent investigation, and there will be no whitewash. It is best that all these officials of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) go on leave."

Named DAR officer-in-charge is Undersecretary Benjamin Leong.

Twenty-one other DAR personnel, on the recommendation of Juico, were ordered to go on leave, too.

Danganan, Concepcion Marinas, Evelyn Maniago, and Milagros Director.

President Aquino said that the administration considers the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme (CARP) the "landmark programme" of her administration.

"And that is why I have

taken a very personal and

strong role in this investiga-

tion," she said. "Even before,

I had already instructed

Secretary Juico to conduct his own investigation. And you

are also aware of the fact

that the office of the Ombudsman and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) are

also conducting their investi-

gations. In order to assure

the people that we have a

speedy investigation, I agreed

with Secretary Juico to have

another committee which will

be headed by former Supreme

Court Justice Jose Feria so

that we can speed up the mat-

ter of the Garchitorena case."

Aquino said that "we are

not sparing any efforts at find-

ing out if there are people

culpable of violations,

especially of the anti-graft

law."

The President said that

what is important is that "we

arrive at the truth and since

this matter involves not only

the government but also the

people who will benefit from

the CARP, it demands our

full attention and that this

matter be resolved as quickly

as possible."

Based on the recommendations

of Juico, all voluntary

offers of lands so far

approved by the DAR will

also undergo close review, she

said.

"I am confident that the

government will continue to

push the CARP with even

greater vigour and enthu-

iasm," Juico said during a

press conference with the

President at Malacañang.

Juico said that there is still

no hard evidence, but "there

are reasons to suspect some

irregularities might have

taken place. Other govern-

ment agencies involved in the

transaction with the DAR

will also be questioned."

He said that Congress for

tighten the CARP law for

safeguards.

"We can always recom-

mend to Congress what the

law should contain because

the procedures we follow

anyway are based on law,"

Juico said.

MANILA: To implement the

policy of transparency in govern-

ment and help eradicate graft

and corruption, Rep. Rodrigo B.

Gutang (LD, N. Cotabato) has

filed House Bill No. 23366 which

seeks to require all local govern-

ment units to post in their

bulletin boards a detailed and

sworn statement of receipts of

monies, properties, expenditures

and financial status of their res-

pective towns, cities or provin-

ces.

FILIPINO DIGEST

Hit squad of New People's Army on the prowl

Police alert: reprisal attacks by ABB

POLICE and military agents said they expect the Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB), the liquidation squad of the New People's Army (NPA) in Metro Manila, to intensify its street attacks on police and military personnel in retaliation for the violent breakup of a funeral march for a slain ABB hit man the other day.

Targets of the expected ABB attacks are members of the Eastern Police District (EPD) and the Rizal Constabulary command following the dispersal by elements of these organizations of the funeral procession for Teofilo de la Cruz, alias Ka Hermie, who had been killed in an encounter with Rizal PC soldiers.

Four of the 60 mourners arrested were confined yesterday by military agents as regular ABB hit men. A media man identified as Romeo Guassis was reportedly missing after he was dragged by plainclothes men into a parked car near the site of the dispersal operation.

The combined PC police force, some of them armed with Armalites and short guns, broke up the funeral march along P. Cruz St. some 300 metres away from the Mandaluyong municipal hall while on its way to the Mandaluyong cemetery.

The police and the military arrested 60 mourners, confiscating their red streamers and flags.

Charges

The Eastern Police District (EPD) filed yesterday charges of sedition against 48 suspected New People's Army (NPA) sympathizers who were arrested during a funeral march in Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, last Thursday.

Brig. Gen. Manuel Roxas, EPD superintendent, filed the charges as ordered by Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre, Constabulary-Capital Region Command (Capcom) and Metropolitan Police Force (MPF) director, who also commanded the policemen and Capcom operatives responsible for the arrests.

Roxas said that the charges were filed with the fiscal's office in Mandaluyong. "They were chanting revolutionary songs, wore red masks, and waved red banners and placards symbolizing their membership in the NPA," he pointed out.

About 48 of some 200 persons were nabbed as the funeral cortege of slain Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) hit man Teofilo de la Cruz reached the corner of P. Cruz St. and Boni Ave.

Had they not resorted to these acts, Roxas said, they would not have been arrested. "We are just maintaining peace and order," he added.

Roxas said that the dispersal operation followed receipt of intelligence information that members of the Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) would join the march.

Roxas denied charges of police brutality committed on 10 newsmen who were reportedly harassed while covering the event. He said that they are looking into a report that those who harassed the members of the media were not police or military personnel.

"Most of my men have known these reporters for quite a time. So how could they just slap, kick, or maul them?" Roxas asked.

The arrested suspects were brought to the Mandaluyong police station for interrogation.

Abuses

The head of the local chapter of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) in Southern Tagalog said yesterday that the region is one of the top areas in the country where human rights abuses and violations are prevalent.

Lawyer Apolinar Florentino, Region IV CHR director, said documented cases of human rights violations appeared to have been committed by both the military and the New People's Army (NPA).

He said the CHR is now investigating the death of 17 persons whose bodies were found

in a mass grave in Mauban town in Quezon the other day.

He added that while the military in the region continues to search for more "secret graves," the CHR will try to find out whether the victims were really victims of the NPA or plain civilians.

Brig. Gen. Evaristo Carino, Quezon PC-INP commander, has filed 17 cases of murder, torture, and illegal detention against the NPA in Southern Luzon after the bodies of alleged NPA victims were retrieved.

More troops

Military authorities said yesterday that more troops will be deployed in the Bicol region to counter offensives being launched by the New People's Army (NPA) there.

This developed as the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) declared that the situation in Negros Occidental has remained critical and hundreds of troops will stay there "until everything is back to normal."

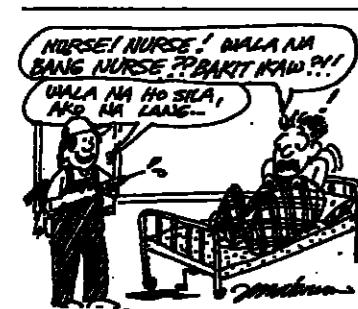
Gen. Renato de Villa, AFP chief of staff, said while soldiers have overrun major NPA camps in the province since April 28, many NPA units still exist there, making search-and-destroy operations necessary.

However, he said the AFP does not intend to use heavy arms against the rebels.

Col. Mariano Filart, Bicol PC-INP commander, said intelligence reports have confirmed the massing of communist rebels in Sorsogon and sending of additional troops is a part of a large-scale offensive being prepared by the military.

Lt. Col. Rene Bautista, Sorsogon PC chief, reported to Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, PC-INP chief, that communist guerrillas from Camarines Sur and Norte, Quezon, and Panay were reported grouping in several parts of the province.

He said the massing of rebels was an answer to the call of the CCP Central Committee to stage intensified offensives in the countryside.



Ranks of nurses dwindling

THE ranks of nurses and midwives are fast dwindling because more and more are thinking of leaving their professions, the World Health Organisation (WHO) says.

In the recently concluded assembly in Geneva, WHO expressed fears that the world may face a shortage of nurses and midwives if they continued to shift to other jobs at an "alarming rate".

WHO said nurses and midwives are having second thoughts about their professions because of "critical conditions" in their work.

The report said poor working and living conditions are the main complaints of nurses.

In the Philippines, medical and health experts have also expressed concern over the increasing lack of qualified nurses due to the pull of overseas employment.

Although overseas employment has provided many nurses with more income and growth opportunities in their careers, some, especially those in the United States, face the risk of AIDS infection in going about their jobs.

Message of thanks

KAPILKU President Manny Inserto, his family and relatives convey their heartfelt and sincere gratitude to all those who offered masses and prayers, sent flowers and notes of sympathy, visited and kept vigil, attended the mass and funeral rites and condole with them in the hour of their supreme loss caused by the passing away of his dearly beloved mother Mrs Rosalia Iden Vda. de Inserto on May 3, 1989.

Condolence

The staff of the Arab Times express their heartfelt condolence to Manny Inserto, president Kapilkul in his recent bereavement.

Dizon: 'so sorry'

By Nelson F. Flores

NATIONAL Housing Authority General Manager Raymundo Dizon Jr apologized for irregularities in the purchase of some P3.4-million worth of NHA equipment and vehicles and pledged to undertake corrective measures.

Dizon told newsmen he was assuming responsibility for the "mistakes" and said he will comply with the recommendations of the Commission on Audit (COA) to correct the irregularities.

A team from the COA had found eight violations in the NHA purchase of a Nissan Maxima, two Mitsubishi Pajeros, five Nissan pickups and a "momoi-momoi" massage chair for Dizon's use.

As initial compliance, Dizon issued the government a personal cheque of P98,500 — the amount in excess of the limit set by the Office of the President for the purchase of Dizon's official car, a Nissan Maxima.

Dizon was found to have skirted rules to buy the Maxima, including the use of two separate vouchers to cover up the high cost of his car.

Dizon was also found to have approved the purchase of four vehicles — three Nissan pick-ups and a Mitsubishi Pajero — allegedly for use under a housing project but which never benefitted the project.

NHA employees, who had demanded the ouster of Dizon upon learning of the COA report, however, said they will still continue to press for their demand, adding that an apology from Dizon does not suffice.

Members of the 1,800-strong Samahang Manggawa ng mga Kapatid ng NHA (SMAK) said Dizon's use of a "momoi-momoi" massage chair for Dizon's use.

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the COA were the following:

- Presidential approval of NHA acquisition of vehicles.
- Strict adherence to limits to purchases set by the Office of the President.

- Refund by contractors of excess cost paid by the NHA for its two Pajeros and five Nissan pick-ups.

- Return of two Pajeros to the contractors based on a "buy-back agreement" and full refund of the amount paid.

Dizon

As this developed, LDP leaders prevailed on Majority Floor Leader Francisco Sumulong (LDP, Rizal) to withdraw his offer to resign as chairman of the House committee on rules.

Sumulong, maternal uncle of President Aquino, around whom the rebellious lawmakers rallied in their move to replace Mitra, offered to resign as chairman of the House rules committee, which determines the day-to-day plenary agenda of the House.

He had earlier said the offer of the speakership was made by the anti-Mitra members "and you just can't turn them away."

"Those who refuse to toe the party line should not remain in the LDP," said Mitra who is the LDP president. "We have to impose party discipline."

Those who stand to lose their positions in the event of a party revamp, apart from Sumulong, are Reps. Natale Beltran Jr. (LDP, Romblon), member of the Commission on Appointments and vice-chairman of the committee on public works and highways; Pablo Ocampo (LDP, Manila), vice-chairman of the rules committee; Carmelo Locsin (LDP, Leyte) of the Commission on Appointments; Bienvenido Marquez (LDP, Quezon), chairman of the committee on reorganization; and Rufino Javier (LDP, Pasig), vice-chairman of the committee on transportation and communication.

Rep. Edelmiro Amante (LDP, Agusan del Sur), a close associate of Sumulong, and

reportedly supporting the anti-Mitra forces, likewise may be deposed as chairman of works and highways.

Rep. Jose de Venecia Jr. (LDP, Pangasinan), acting chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, disowned the plot, saying he was presiding over a bicameral caucus to return bills on the foreign debt, the American military bases, and economic recovery, when the caucus of 15 congressmen to oust Mitra was held in the Mutya Room of the Sulu Hotel in Quezon City Wednesday night.

But he said the lesson from the move is for Mitra to mend his ways, exercise stronger leadership, and recognize the gripes of an increasing number of congressmen who feel alienated by a cordon sanitaire and neglect of the needs of their constituents.

Rep. Raul Daza (LDP, Samar), leader of the 18-man Liberal Party (LP) bloc, said Mitra, as an extraordinary lawmaker, should submit himself to the judgement of his peers who elected him to the top post of the House.

"When the speaker is challenged by a peer, he should justify why he should stay on the basis of performance," Daza said. "Hence lies the dynamism of Congress as the true assembly of the people's representatives."

He defended the participation of two LP members in the meeting at the Sulu Hotel as "a perfectly legitimate activity inherent in the dynamic pursuance of their job to bring problems in the chamber out in the open."

DOLE also pointed out that the overseas employment rate decreased as the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) were only able to send 114,543 workers abroad as compared to last year's record of 126,297 workers from January to March.

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were believed executed by NPA rebels on suspicion that they were government agents who had infiltrated the rebel ranks.

Surrendered NPA guerrillas Severino Ronoda and Eduardo Borromeo led the troopers, Commission on Human Rights representatives, and mediators from Manila to the sites of the mass graves yesterday.

Ronoda and Borromeo escaped after they were held by the NPA for investigation and trial as government "deep penetration agents."

The two rebel surrenders told newsmen that 80 to 100 bodies are still to be

found in the area, all victims of execution by the rebels.

In one grave at sitio Cabanabanan where the three female bodies were found, the head of one of the victims had been hit by a rock which was still imbedded on the victim's skull.

Brig. Gen. Evaristo Carino, PC-INP Regional Command 4 chief, said that the skeletal remains will be thoroughly examined by experts to identify them so that their families can claim them for burial.

Col. Reynaldo Wycooco, Quezon PC-INP commander, said a thorough check will be made to determine if the three

female remains are those of three missing activists identified as Pearl Abaya, Lani Mercado, and an other whose identity is being verified.

Borromeo said that before his surrender to military authorities, he was able to confirm that 30 prisoners were transferred from Manila to Quezon for investigation.

He said during detention and trial, he talked with another detainee, Ka Jobel, who identified himself as a nephew of Brig. Gen. Alfredo Lim, superintendent of the Western Police District. Borromeo said Ka Jobel was detained together with Zacarias Cataag alias Ka Marvin, Ka

Sandra, and Ka Jenny who were all later killed.

Ronoda said on Nov. 1, 1988, he was scheduled for execution with seven others but this was delayed because they failed to dig their own graves due to a very strong typhoon that hit Quezon.

He said that when his execution was rescheduled, his captors received a radio message from National Democratic Front leader Satur Ocampo saying all NPA units must stop all trials and executions of suspected agents until the Communist Party leadership has reviewed the cases.

More fees hiked

ELEVEN more private schools in Metro Manila are raising their tuition rates for school year 1989-1990, the Department of Education, Culture, and Sports (DECS) reported.

Dr. Hernando Dizon, director of the DECS National Capital Region, said that 24 private schools — elementary, secondary, and college — had earlier confirmed that they are raising their rates, effective June.

Education Secretary Lourdes Quisumbing reminded all schools to comply with DECS guidelines in conformity to the subsidy bill.

"I expect no formal complaints from students and parents with regards to unjustified increases," she said.

In case there are such complaints, she said investigative records of sound reference must be presented, substantiated with documented signatures of supposed petitioners.

She said the transitional guidelines on tuition fee increases may be changed or amended as soon as Congress approves the subsidy bill, No. 1105, before its recess on June 9.

Under the subsidy programme, there are three schemes for assistance to high school students.

The first is the tuition supplement scheme, under which the government pays for anticipated increases in tuition fees. In effect, parents will pay only what they paid last year.

All high school students, except those in the top 14 per cent high income schools, will benefit from this programme — 1.3 million students out of the country's 1.5 million private high school students, aside from 2 million public high school students already benefiting from free secondary education under Republic Act 6635.

The proposed assistance under this first scheme is P150 per student in middle-income schools and P175 in low-income schools.

The second scheme is the expansion of the educational service contracting programme, under which the overflow of students from the public high school system is absorbed by private schools, with the government paying the bill.

According to Sen. Edgardo J. Angara, chairman of the Senate committee on education, the programme expects to accommodate at least 40,000 more students this year, to bring the total number of beneficiaries well over 100,000 students.

The third form of assistance is the textbook development fund that will help students and schools acquire needed books.

There are also three types of assistance to college and vocational-technical schools — creation and expansion of scholarships, loans, and financial assistance to students; tuition supplements to students already enrolled in priority courses; and a faculty development fund to improve quality the quality of teaching.

AIDS in Thailand

Travellers warned

FILIPINO travellers to Thailand should take precautions against acquiring the dreaded AIDS virus in that country.

A senior Department of Foreign Affairs official who spoke on condition of anonymity disclosed that there are now 7,000 people in Thailand believed to be carriers of the AIDS virus.

Citing a report from the Philippine embassy in Thailand, the official claimed the virus is expected to spread.

Thirty per cent of all prisoners in that country, he said are among those who face the risk of contracting the virus.

The official said he does not want to destroy tourism in Thailand but pointed out it is his moral obligation that Filipino travellers are protected.

Most of those found positive with the virus



Eid reunion

Mili (left), a small Bangladeshi girl, captured the heart of the spectators with her dance at a Eid reunion arranged by the Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait. The reunion was held on Friday night at the Messiah Beach Hotel. (Photo by Javed Basra)



Dr Riaz A. Mehesar, member of Pakistan People's Party's (Kuwait) ad hoc committee, led other members (Rehia A. Mirza, Akthar Ali Peerzada, Punnu Khan) and other party workers to the residence of Fazil Mohammed, who lost a leg in a car accident in Kuwait recently. Dr Riaz presented cash to Fazil Mohammed (pictured above), which was donated by party workers and assured him all help.

Red and Black costumes and fun

THE Weekend Club will hold the Red and Black Nite on July 11 at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel.

All guests will be expected to come in red or black dresses to create the ambience of a Goa carnival held every year. It will be nostalgic trip down memory lane, according to a press release. During the carnival in Goa, revellers from all over Goa assemble in Goa to make merry and join the carnival.

The organisers promise to hold an evening of fun, music and revelry with pulsating music by Top Ranks. Stepping Stones and The Perfect Strangers. The highlights of the evening include selection of the Red and Black Couple and the best costume in those colours.



Weekend Club members pictured with Adeeb Shuaiber and Simeen Kadi of KTV. (file photo)

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts. Quranic manuscripts: ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

MUSIC

Piano concert JUNE 7 at 7.30 pm: Famous Turkish pianist Ms Arin Karamursel will give a performance at the Ballroom 'A' of the Kuwait Sheraton. Tickets are KD5 per person followed by a reception. For reservation contact 242055 ext 104/107/109.

Musical evening JUNE 9: Octave presents a grand musical evening comprising hit songs from Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil films, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium. Finautes at 6.30 pm.

THEATRE

Konkani Drama JUNE 15/16 (4.00 pm): Nashibacho Divo Paloulo, the MAR production's Konkani drama, directed by Prem Kumar to be staged at the Indian Arts Circle. For entry passes contact Raja Stores, tele: 2412970.

FILMS

British Council JUNE 11/12: Tootsie is this month's feature film at the British Council, Mansouriya. Dustin Hoffman plays Tootsie. Desperate, he took a female

role and became a star. Comedy at its best.

Also stars Sydney Pollack, who also directs, and Jessica Lange. It will be shown at 6.30 pm on both nights. Duration 112 minutes. Admission free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

SOCIAL

Cultural Association

JUNE 4: 10 am: The regular coffee morning will be held at the Holiday Inn. All German-speaking ladies, especially newcomers are welcome, and should make an effort to attend for before the summer-holidays.

Milad mahfil

JUNE 9: Bangladesh Association will organise a Milad mahfil at 5 pm on Friday at the new Bangladesh embassy premises in Khalidiya. All Bangladeshis are cordially invited.

The new address of the embassy: Plot 83, Block 1, Road 14, Building 3 (just opposite to the bus stop near the KTC garage, Shuaibah).

Kuwait French School

DR Romain C. Kern, adviser to the president of the Swiss Federation of Private Schools and participant on the Board of Evaluation of the European Private International Schools and Pedagogique adviser of various private schools in Switzerland especially College du Leman, Geneva, will have a meeting with the parents of the students of our Kuwait French School at Salimiya behind the Fire Brigade today, at 6.00 pm, to discuss the various matters which are of interest to our students at an open door meeting. All are cordially invited to attend.

HOTELS

At the Meridien

Hotel Meridien Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc. are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our 'Little Mexico' Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzes.

Get-together

JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al Salem Hotel from 11 am onwards with Step-

ping Stones and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Raju 2412970 and Tony 2631826 after 3.30 pm.

Fiesta Filipina

JUNE 16: The Filipino Cultural Club will hold "Fiesta Filipina" to commemorate the 91st anniversary of the Philippine Republic on June 12. The show will give a glimpse of the Filipino heritage through songs and music. The show will be held at the Meridien Hotel, Al Jahra Ballroom. Highlights of the evening are an on-the-spot painting competition, lucky draw and exhibition.

Show plus dinner buffet costs KD 5 per person. For reservations contact the Philippine Embassy: Mabuhay Restaurant, the Philippine Gift Shop and Rainbow Restaurant (Fahaaheel).

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US trade team to visit Kuwait

A TRADE mission composed of leading United States firms in the field of engineering and construction services will visit Kuwait from June 10 to 12, on the first stop of a tour that will also include visits to Iraq and Turkey.

The participating companies are major US firms with experience in a wide range of activities including civil works - highways, bridges, airfields, water conveyance, irrigation and land development; marine works, environmental protection (water and sewer); oil and gas production; electric power generation; physical and electronic security; etc.

The trade team hopes to meet with representatives of the government of Kuwait's planning and development ministries; the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry; local banks and investment companies; and prospective joint venture partners and agents.

For further information about the mission members and/or appointments, please contact Kamal Zaher at the American embassy, Tel: 241251-9, ext: 266.

KCC seminar

KUWAIT Computer Company (KCC) held a seminar on May 31, to introduce the Texas Instruments line of Unix-based mini-computers to the Kuwait market.

The seminar was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Kuwait Regency Palace, and was attended by about 200 guests from most ministries, government and mixed sector organisations, banks, insurance companies, and a large number of private companies and establishments representing most industries in Kuwait.

The seminar opened by the KCC chairman and Managing Director, Abdullah Al Tawfiq, who welcomed the guests and re-iterated the company's policy of ensuring that only the best products and services were offered to its customers.

Mustafa Nasereddin, KCC marketing and sales manager, talked about the company, its formation in 1983, its current activities, and associated suppliers.

IETE exams

INSTITUTE of Electronics and Telecommunications Engineers, New Delhi, graduation or diploma examinations will be held in the Embassy of India premises from June 14 to 21 at 6.30, 7.30 and 11.30 am. Candidates registered with IETE for above examinations should report to embassy on the above dates.

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KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Sabah Al Khair: varieties and news summary

9.30 Cartoons

10.15 Hikayat Sakhina: Arabic serial (Part 2)

11.00 News Summary and varieties

11.15 Al Theeb wa Oyyoon Al Madina: Arabic serial (Part 2)

12.05 Varieties

12.15 That's Incredible: foreign programme

1.00 News Summary

1.30 Faloona: cartoon serial

2.00 Varieties

2.15 Abu Awwad: Arabic serial (Part 2)

3.00 Mawsoot Al Sunna Al Nabti: religious programme

3.30 Al Foot: Kalimro: cartoon serials

4.00 Min Fina Al Harami: Arabic feature film, starring Adel Imam, Sharhan, Ahmad Bodair, and Salah Nathmi

6.00 Stories of Quran (Ghorab Qabeel), children serial (Part 1), starring Muhsen Sarhan, Mohammed Al Defrawi, Wafa' Shihab, and Ali Izz

7.00 Space Invasion: foreign film

7.30 Fi Khidmat Al Jomhoor: Al Majala Al

12.00 News summary and closedown

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Al Andalus

Beetle Juice

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Al Salimiya

Al Hasna Wal Wahoush (Arabic drama)

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Starring: Dennis Quaid, Cher

Drive-In

Haar Al Habab (Arabic)

Starring: Yunus Salabi, Saeed Saleh, Naja Faouad

Al Firdous

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The Greek House women's basketball team.



The Hatid Ligaya women's basketball squad.



Chess players plan moves.

Magnolia and KPBC score easy wins

Hatid-Ligaya hold on to beat Kay & Associates

By Gil Bangalan

EARLY favourites Magnolia Ice Cream and KPBC scored easy victories in their first assignments against Soft Rock Cafe and Nissan Al Babtain in the Paralo '89 basketball games at the Keifan gymnasium on Friday.

Both teams are favoured to reach the finals, as they boast a number of good players, who are evidently experienced and honed for the title.

The Magnolia Ice Creammakers is made up of a selection from last year's third placer Mabuhay Restaurant team and the best from former Kapilku teams; while KPBC, which was relegated to fourth place last year, retained the services of their mainstays and has been beefed up by the top players of the former AG&P team.

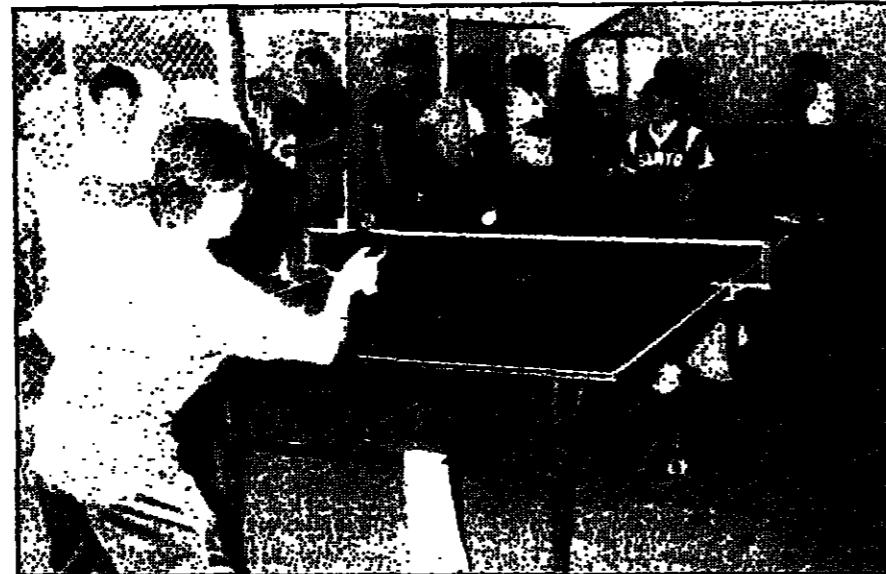
In Friday's game, Magnolia routed Soft Rock Cafe, 118-67. Top scorers for the Ice Creammakers were Reyes 38, Babiera 19, Zalavarria 15 and Menez 15.

KPBC faced a fighting Nissan Al Babtain, who refused to be intimidated by the taller and much-seasoned KPBC Builders. Nissan's Juan succeeded in penetrating KPBC's defenses as he pumped in 30 big points; but Nissan's foul-ridden quintet collapsed in the final minutes of the second half as the deeper bench of KPBC streaked to victory, 107-76. Top gunners for KPBC were Dela Cruz 28, Lindimas 16 and Manuel 14.

Kuwait Regency Hotel redeemed themselves in the 5-minute extension of their game against the Sony Video 8. Regency's Ecija wasted his chance to seal the victory for his team when he missed a free throw in the last 3 seconds with the score tied at 80. Sallan, similarly, could have been hero-of-the-day for Regency, but he missed his free throw, awarded to him after a foul from Sony's Abajero as the final buzzer sounded. Regency won in the extension over an evidently exhausted Sony quintet.

In Group A, Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh beat the final buzzer for a one-point victory over Kay & Associates, 74-73, while in Group C Woodgroup Engineering met tough opposition from the Kuwait Danish Dairy quintet.

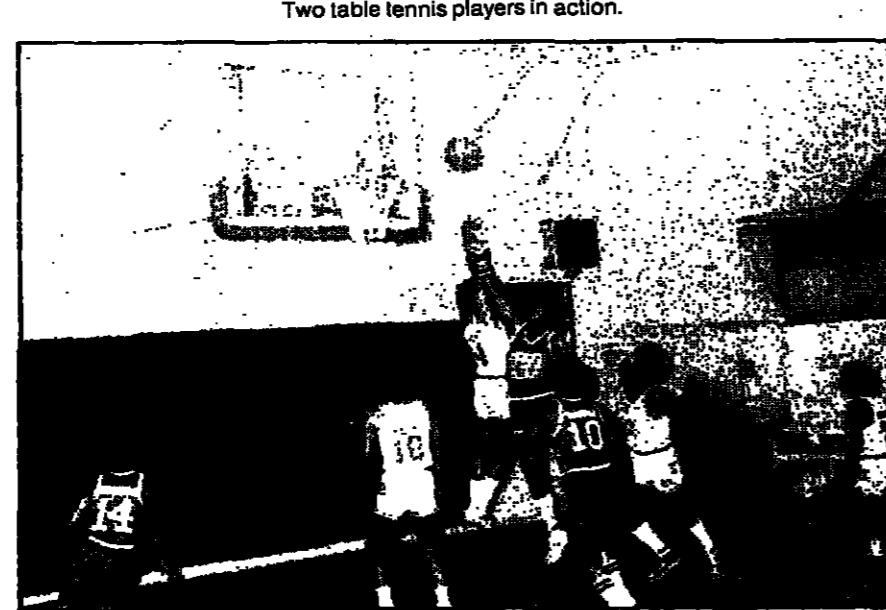
Both teams seemed evenly matched, with Woodgroup posting just a 4-points lead over the KDD after the final buzzer in the



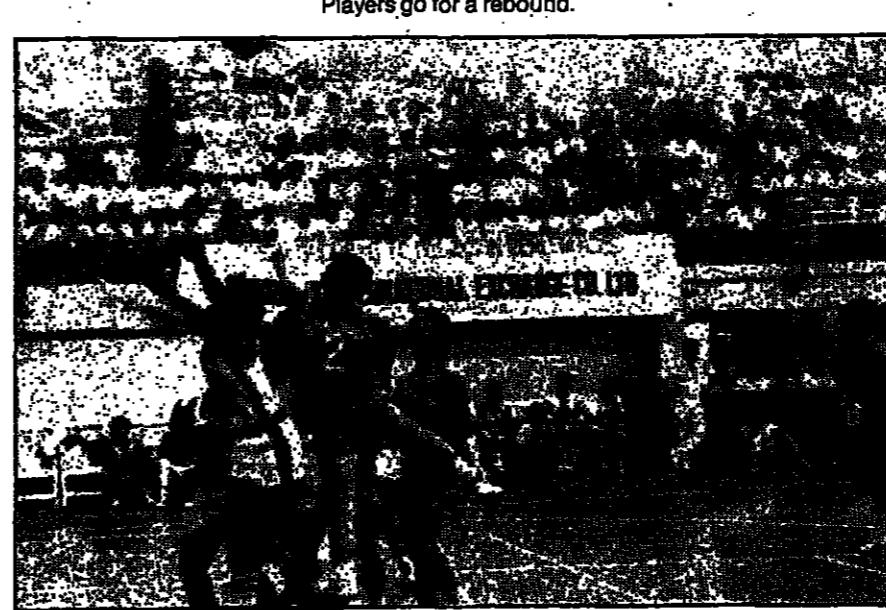
Two table tennis players in action.



Players go for a rebound.



A Woodgroup player attempts to score.



Dela Cruz (No. 2) finds his mark.



A Filipino group arrives at the Kheifan Gym to cheer their team.



A darts player takes aim.



Two officials at the basketball games.



Some Filipino bowlers seen in action at the Philippine National Day Open Bowling Tournament held at the 300 Club over the weekend. (Details will be published in tomorrow's issue.)

Darts standings			
Group A			
P	W	L	Pts
SAS	1	1	0
Mabuhay	1	1	0
Alghanim	2	1	1
RIC	2	1	1
FCC	2	0	2
Group B			
P	W	L	Pts
EEI/KAA	2	2	0
Kirby	2	1	1
Greek House	2	1	1
Sport Pack	2	0	2
High finish — Balyut (Greek House)			
High score — Joe Pancho (Kirby)			
High start — Bassig (Kirby)			



(Photos by Amr Jaded)

Abughosh Int'l. beat Alghanim Freight for share of bowling lead

By Sonny Mariano

THE leaders in the Paralo '89 bowling event maintained their pole position after the third round of competition on Friday but the other teams were all following closely on their heels and an exciting finish is expected in the battle for three final berths at stake.

In Group A, title-holder Abughosh Int'l. moved up in the standings for a share of the lead by nipping Alghanim Freight 3 games to 1. Mar E. led the Shippers once again with 597 while Rudy Z. (553) & Willy S. (548) did the rest to chalk up the victory. The Freight Movers got their best output from Rico P. (568) JVC (529), Arthur R. (526) and

Jimmy T. (506).

Group B action was not far behind in terms of intensity as team standings showed a free-for-all situation for the finals.

Jabriya, proving that their previous win was no fluke, ended the winning streak of Trico. Responsible for Jabriya's good showing were Joel L. (543), Caloy A. (531) and Romy A. (493). Trico, who, in spite of the loss retained the lead has Roger (518), Dodie (507) & Tony (466) as their top scorers.

Group A — men

Chiquita 2, Magnolia 2

The Banana Magnates banked on their high scoring first game to freeze the strong finish of the Ice

Cream Makers. The two teams settled for 2-2 draw which enable Chiquita to share the lead with Abughosh. Topscoing for Chiquita were Homer M. (552) Flor T. (541) & Lando C. (535). Magnolia was bannered by Vic Paras (565), Jun M. (550) & Marc B. (517).

Najd Airtone 3, Ambassador 1

The Airmen, finally getting a boost from their top guns, won over the never say die Merchants. It was hard-earned victory for Najd Airtone as Ambassador gave them all they got. George Gaerlan led the Airmen with his record breaking 627 supported by Pepe I. (594), Nelson G. (587) & Cris R. (546). The Merchants has Beda B. (542), Ernie L. (535), Joel B. (532) & Burr R.

(530).

Group B — men

NTC 4, FCC Shell 0

The Traders kept their hope alive for a final berth after they blanked the FCC Shell showbiz boys. Leading the Traders to their finest performance so far were Ric (532), Lito (506) & Henry (479). For FCC Shell Danny P. (529), Andy R. (473) & Bien Dantes (439) were the ones who put up a good fight.

Garfield 3, FRM Design Studio 1

Coming back from a stinging defeat last week, Garfield came back to hand the designers their first setback and put them within striking distance of the leaders. Showing the way for Garfield was Jupsi with his

522 while Teddy (495) & Rolly ably assisted him. The Designers, with hope for a seat in the finals hampered by the loss, were led by skipper Klin M. (513), Sonny M. (494) & Celso S. (466).

Group A — women

Al Rashed 4, Far East 0

Getting a big lift from top player Mercy Laborce, who scored a 3-game series of 578 the Al Rashed door to door experts didn't give much chance to Far East to recover and went on to win 4 games to none which evens up their best of seven duel for Group A supremacy. RC Ruiz (547), Amy A. (470), Lynne R. & Nitz A. also made things possible for Al Rashed. The losing team has Baby M. (492), Cora P. (486),

Malou T., Eva S. and Jo Reyes.

Group B — women

Kabayan 3, Abughosh 1

After a shaky start, favoured Kabayan injected enough firepower to their game to subdue the surprisingly strong Abughosh Int'l. Dishing out fine performances for the winners were Babes P., Eloisa D.L., Chit A., & Elsa V., Abughosh on the other hand had Vicki Mendoza, who set the record for the high game & high series for Group B leading the Lady Shippers, assisted by Sarah, Florence & Helen.

Alghanim 3, Trico 1

Showing a lot of improvement in their game, the lady Freight Movers sprang a surprise by outbowling their more experienced opponents. Doing the scoring chores for Alghanim were Melody N., Emma S., Beth N. & Rose R. Trico relied on the expertise of Chary N., Ledy J., Vangie S. & Pinky B.

Registration for the Philippine National Day Open tournament is still going on at the 300 Club and will last until the final playing day which is on June 8 at 6:00 pm. For the monthly championship for non-seeded bowlers which will commence on June 5 & 7, interested parties can also register now while the much-awaited Second Couples Tournament is scheduled to kick off on June 16 & 22. Further details will be published later.

Joe Jaded

JULY 1989

Pistons thrash Bulls to reach NBA finals

CHICAGO, June 3. (AP): Isiah Thomas scored 17 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter and Detroit's depth and defense again proved as much for the Chicago Bulls as the Pistons in the Eastern Conference finals 4-2 with a 93-94 victory last night.

The Pistons, who haven't allowed 100 points in 15 games, including 13 straight in the playoffs, won the final three games of the best-of-7 series. They fell behind 2-1 when Michael Jordan scored 46 points and led a fourth-quarter Bulls comeback in game 3.

Jordan scored 32 in the finale after being held to 23 and 18 in the fourth and fifth games.

But the Bulls had to play all but the first minute without starting forward Scottie Pippen, who was hospitalized after being knocked out when he was hit in the eye by Bill Laimbeer's elbow.

Detroit reached the NBA finals for the second straight season after failing to make it for 30 years. The championship series starts Tuesday night at the Palace at Auburn Hills, Michigan.

The Pistons once again will face the Los Angeles Lakers, who came back from a 3-2 deficit last year to win their fifth championship in the 1980s.

Chicago trailed 79-69 in the first minute of the fourth quarter before rallying with a 10-2 spurt.

Jordan started the run with two baskets in five seconds. After a jumper by Thomas, John Paxson hit a 3-pointer, a free throw and a long jumper, cutting the deficit to 81-79.

Thomas then scored 10 points in a span of four minutes as the Pistons rebuilt their margin to 94-84 with 4:40 remaining.

The Pistons took the lead for good in the third quarter as centers Laimbeer and James Edwards combined for 15 points in the period.

Ereng wins 800 metres

Americans run fast 200 metres

ROVO, Utah, June 3. (Reuter): Olympic champion Paul Ereng of Kenya came from 12 metres off the pace to easily win the men's 800 metres and Americans Dennis Mitchell and Dawn Sowell ran the fastest men's and women's 200 metres in the world this year yesterday at the US Collegiate Championships.

Ereng, who attends the University of Virginia, was timed in one minute, 47.50 seconds as he blitzed the final 300 metres to beat Dieudonne Kweza of Arundt and the University of Nebraska by three metres.

While Ereng won a tactical race, the sprinters blazed, aided by the rarefied air at the Brigham Young University track, which is 1,381 metres above sea level.

Mitchell, the fourth-place finisher in the Olympic 100 metres, exploded to an early lead and won the men's 200 metres by two metres in 20.09 seconds. The victory avenged a false-start disqualification for the University of Florida student in Thursday's 30-metre qualifying.

Sowell, a 23-year-old student at Louisiana State University,

clocked 22.04 seconds to defeat Nigerian Olympian Mary Onyali by three metres. Sowell's time was the fastest ever by a collegian and the seventh-fastest by an American. Onyali, who clocked 22.45 seconds, just missed her African record of 22.43.

The rarefied air also aided the men's long jumpers as American Joe Green won with a wind-aided



Ereng: won the 800 metres easily

8.41 metres (27 feet, 7 1/4 inches) and compatriot Leroy Burrell was second at 8.37 metres (27 feet, 5 1/2 inches).

Only seven Americans have ever jumped farther than Burrell without an aiding wind of more than 2.04 metres per second.

Sowell also paced Louisiana State to the fastest women's 400-metre relay this year, a US

collegiate record of 42.50 seconds.

The US collegiate record also fell in the men's 400-metre relay as Texas Christian University clocked 38.23 seconds, the fastest in the world this year.

The 400-metre hurdles races also were fast. Jamaican Wintrop Graham won the men's race in 48.55 and American Janeene Vickers took the women's race in 55.27 seconds.

In the men's 800 metres, the long-striding Ereng loped along at or near the end of the nine-member field until about 300 metres remained, to avoid tripping over another runner. Then he blitzed from 12 metres off the race to claim fourth with 200 metres to go.

Fifty metres later the fast-moving Ereng, the world indoor 800 metres record holder, had the lead and he cruised comfortably down the straightaway to victory.

"I felt I was strong enough to hold them off even though I was in last place with 200 metres to go," said Ereng, who is expected to challenge Sebastian Coe's world record of 1:41.73 in races in Europe later this summer.

Turner and King share top place

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 3. (Reuter): Americans Sherri Turner and Betsy King shared the lead after two rounds at the 300,000 Rochester International golf tournament yesterday.

Both players posted three-under-par 69s in strong winds on a lengthy 6,162-yard Locust Hill Country Club course.

Patty Sheehan and Ayako Kamoto of Japan who recorded 73 and 72 respectively are two strokes off the pace.

American Nancy Lopez also shot a 69, but her 73 on Thursday left her at 142, three strokes behind.

"The conditions are very difficult out there," Turner said. "The winds are up and the course wet."

Turner's first birdie came on par-four third hole when she sank a five-foot putt. She missed her tee shot on her fourth hole, teed out from the trees for a second shot which resulted in bogey six on the par-five hole.

Turner immediately followed it another bogey on the par-five fifth by three-putting in 45 feet.

"I played consistently well," said Turner. "I had no good save pars and stayed even."

King, who started the day two holes back, recorded four birdies and one bogey in her round day.

Davis hits Reds' first cycle in 30 years

CINCINNATI, June 3. (AP): Eric Davis became the first Cincinnati Reds player to hit for the cycle in 30 years when he drove in six runs last night in a 9-4 victory over the San Diego Padres.

Not even a sore leg could keep Davis out of the record books with a single, double, triple and homerun. He coaxed all the speed he could out of his injured left hamstring on a seventh-inning triple.

"I didn't know how the hamstring was going to hold up until I got to second," Davis said. "Once I got to second base, I made up my mind."

Davis doubled home Barry Larkin in the first inning, singled him home in the third and hit a

three-run homer off Walt Terrell, 4-6, in the fourth to give the Reds a seven-run cushion.

Davis' seventh-inning triple to centre off reliever Dave Leiper made him the first Cincinnati player to hit for the cycle since Frank Robinson on May 2, 1959, against Los Angeles.

Giants 6, Braves 6

Rick Reuschel won his seventh straight decision to become baseball's first 10-game winner, and Major League leader Kevin Mitchell hit two home runs to lead San Francisco.

Astros 1, Dodgers 0

Mike Scott pitched a four-hitter, and an error by Los Angeles pitcher Fernando Valenzuela gave Houston the only run as the

Astros extended their winning streak to eight games.

Mets 3, Pirates 2

Dave Magadan hit a two-run homer with one out in the bottom of the 11th inning to give New York the victory. Randy Kramer, 1-2, got the win.

Results

	American League		
N.Y. Yankees	3	Montreal	2
Toronto	7	Boston	2
Baltimore	4	Detroit	1
Minnesota	8	Chicago	0
Texas	9	Seattle	5
Kansas City	4	California	0
Cleveland	5	Oakland	3
National League			
N.Y. Mets	3	Pittsburgh	2
Cincinnati	9	San Diego	4
Montreal	2	Philadelphia	1
San Francisco	7	Atlanta	6
Houston	1	Los Angeles	0
Chicago	5	St. Louis	0

Pooley in second place

Blake hits seven-under-par round

POTOMAC, Maryland, June 3. (Reuter): Jay Don Blake fired a seven-under-par 64 yesterday to take the lead after the second round of the \$90,000 Potomac Open golf tournament.

Blake, a non-winner since joining the Tour in 1987, finished the day with a 36-hole score of 10-under-par 132 to hold a one-shot lead over fellow-American Don Pooley in the chase for the \$162,000 first place prize.

Blake had seven birdies and no bogies on his card over the 6,917-yard course and grabbed the lead with a birdie from six feet on the ninth hole (his 18th) after a nine-iron to the 166-yard hole.

"I felt pretty comfortable starting out today," said Blake, who led after three rounds last week in Atlanta. "I played well and I was patient and let things happen today."

His ball striking was so sharp that he made only

one of his seven birdies from more than eight feet, that coming on a twenty-footer on the 17th hole.

Pooley also had a seven birdie, no bogey round and he narrowly missed birdie puts on the last two holes that would have given him a new record.

"I guess the conditions were more difficult this afternoon, but I hit the ball so well it didn't matter," said Pooley. "This is the best I've hit the ball all year."

Tom Byrum had a two-under-par 69 yesterday and is three shots back at seven-under-par 135 and alone in third place.

First round leader D.A. Weibring of the United States struggled to a one-over-par 72 yesterday and is one of three players at six-under-par 136.

Australian Wayne Grady is the leading player among the foreign contingent with a three-under-par 139 total after a one-under-par 70 yesterday.



Davis (left) and Prost had the best two times in the first practice.

PHOENIX, Arizona, June 3. (Reuter): Brazilian world champion Ayrton Senna proved his mastery of street circuits again yesterday when he streaked through searing heat to claim the provisional pole position for tomorrow's United States Grand Prix motor race.

Senna, driving a McLaren, shrugged off the discomfort of temperatures soaring to 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Centigrade) to clock the fastest time of one minute and 30.108 seconds on the 3.79-km (2.36-mile) circuit.

His time—an average speed of 151.740 mph (94.287 mph)—was more than 1.5 seconds quicker than his nearest rivals, McLaren team-mate Alain Prost of France and Briton Nigel Mansell in a Ferrari.

Prost and Mansell were second and third-quickest respectively ahead of Britons Derek Warwick, in an Arrows, and Martin Brundle, in a Brabham, and Italians Alex Caffi, driving a Dallara, and Alessandro Nannini, in a Benetton.

Warwick, in his 104th Grand Prix, was lucky to escape unhurt when he lost control of his car midway through the session and hit a trackside wall.

The back of his Ford-powered

car was badly damaged in the accident on the first half of the long hairpin before the pits straight. But Warwick climbed out and walked back to the Arrows garage.

"I just tried a different line and lost it," he said. "The car was causing no problems and it was my own fault. I'm not hurt except for a very sore neck at the back of my head and shoulders."

Senna is seeking a record 34th pole position in Formula One racing. He shares the current record of 33 with Briton Jim Clark.

Senna, who leads Prost in the World Championship by seven points after three successive wins, dominated the session after an early fast lap by Brundle.

He gained the top spot with his first lap and progressively reduced his time throughout the session as he made chassis adjustments to suit the circuit being used for a Grand Prix for the first time.

Both Ferrari drivers drove

despite feeling ill. Mansell suffered from a stomach upset and Berger from a similar but more violent illness which had caused him to vomit in his car during the free practice session in the morning.

Senna said: "It was extremely hard work on a very low grip surface. We have some work to do to improve the car, but cooling for the car and the driver will be a key factor in the race."

Prost said: "Lack of grip was my biggest problem. I couldn't

make the qualifying rubber work as well as in the morning. It should be better on Saturday."

"But there is always the chance the track will start breaking up. It is difficult to know what will happen here."

March driver Mauricio Gugelmin of Brazil expects a very fast race tomorrow, but was not excited by the layout of the course.

"It's quicker than any other street circuit I've seen. The only problem seems to be that all the

Esparragoza knocks out Renard in sixth round

NAMUR, Belgium, June 3. (Reuter): Venezuelan Antonio Esparragoza retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight title for the fifth time yesterday, knocking out Belgian Jean-Marc Renard in the sixth round of scheduled 12-round bout.

Esparragoza landed a thundering left-right combination on the chin of the relentlessly-attacking Renard, who dropped to his knees, tried to get up once but sank back again and was counted out by American referee Lou Morel after two minutes 20 seconds of the round.

"I had waited for a chance like that," said Esparragoza, who somersaulted on the canvas and climbed on the ropes to express his joy. "I had prepared my move in the first five rounds."

Two of the three judges had Renard leading after five rounds by a narrow 48-47 margin. The third deemed it a draw 48-48.

Renard stormed forward after the first round in search of a quick decision and repeatedly trapped the title-holder in a corner, unleashing punches to the head.

Morel halted the bout midway through the fourth round as Esparragoza was sent reeling into the ropes and called for the doctor to examine his right eyebrow.

"That was a very difficult moment, but I recovered well," Esparragoza said.

Renard, 33, who had broken bones in his fists nine times in the past, resumed his attack in the fifth and sixth rounds but Esparragoza put an end to the fight with a left jab followed by a right hook to Renard's chin.

"I was electrified," said Renard, knocked out for the first time in his career. "I got too confident after the first five rounds."

Esparragoza now has a record of 27 wins inside the distance, one points victory, four draws and only one defeat, while Renard collected his fourth loss in 45 fights.

Esparragoza, who won the title from Mexico's Steve Cruz in March 1987, said earlier he had his sights set on a unification fight between the WBA and World Boxing Council (WBC) titles.

The WBC crown fell vacant when Australian Jeff Fenech announced his retirement in April.

French team's mascot shot as health risk

HARLAXTON, England, June 3. (AP): The soccer club from Pont Main, France, ended a goodwill visit to this English Midlands town without its rooster mascot. Local residents shot it.

Anxious villagers, hosting the Pont Main club as part of a programme to make the two towns sister cities, declared that the bird, named Claude, was a health risk and ordered post office worker Richard Eldred to blast it with a 12-gauge shotgun.

"He didn't even have time to squawk at me in

England outplay Poland

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters): Goals from Gary Lineker, John Barnes and Neil Webb swept England to a 3-0 over Poland today and transformed Peter Shilton's record-equalising appearance celebrations into a World Cup trophy.

Shilton, who matched Bobby Moore's England record of 108 international caps, had little to do as the hosts coasted to a comfortable victory to strengthen their grip in European qualifying Group Two.

Unbeaten England's win puts them two points clear of second-placed Sweden — whom they meet in Stockholm on September 6 — with seven points from four games. They have scored 10 goals and conceded none.

Poland, beaten 3-0 when the teams last met at the Mexico World Cup finals three years ago, never looked a match for a rampant England side who could have reached double figures.

The result leaves the Poles with a virtually impossible task of making the finals in Italy next year with two points from three games.

Lineker, who exploded on to the international scene with his hat-trick against Poland in the 1986 finals, struck after 23 minutes following a sustained period of England pressure.

Barnes and Webb completed the rout in the 70th and 82nd minutes as the Poles, desperate to salvage a point, fell apart at the back.

England threatened to overrun their visitors in a lively opening few minutes.

Throughout the first half Lineker had to withstand a series of clattering tackles from Damian Lukasik and, in the 10th minute, was ruthlessly flattened on the edge of box by goalkeeper Jaroslaw Bako after being sent clear by Peter Beardsley.

The bruising bodycheck earned the goalkeeper a booking, and a carbon copy move 13 minutes later resulted in England's first goal.

Barnes released Lineker, who surged into the box and attempted to sweep the ball past the oncoming Bako. The shot was parried but Lineker was quick to react, scrambling up to reach the ball and turn it into the empty net from the finest of angles.

England should have increased their lead shortly afterwards as Lineker, Webb and Barnes all missed golden opportunities.

England continued to dominate in much the same way in the second half, with Chris Waddle's exquisite running on the right cornerstones of many attacks.

But it was fullback Gary Stevens who found room on the right to cross perfectly to find Barnes at the far post for England's second goal in the 70th minute.

Poland continued to struggle as England surged forward repeatedly and sweeper Roman Wojcicki set up England's third goal. His pass back to Bako was intercepted by Lineker before substitute David Rocastle picked out Webb, who fired home into another empty net.

Spanish team signs Soviet basketball star

MADRID, Spain, June 3, (AP): Forum Filatélico de Valladolid has signed Soviet basketball star Arvidas Sabonis and his teammate Valdemaras Homicius to one-year contracts to play next season in the Spanish League, Sabonis told Spanish television (TVE) today.

Sabonis, in Spain with the Soviet team for several exhibition matches, told a TVE reporter: "I am going to play with Forum in Valladolid for one year and then I would like to play in the NBA (US National Basketball Association)."

"Maybe I can play in the NBA," Sabonis added. "It's possible and I would like it."

The NBA's Portland Trailblazers hold draft rights to Sabonis in the US League.

The sports daily Marco said Forum club president Gonzalo Gonzalo sealed the reported \$1 million deal yesterday.

It reported that negotiations were held

in Guadalajara, a town east of Madrid where the Soviet national team is expected to play an exhibition match tomorrow.

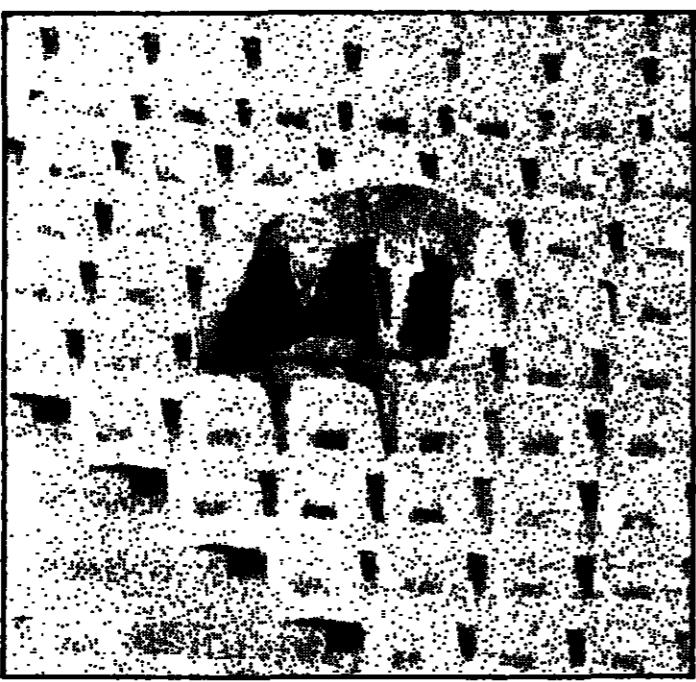
The deal means the two Soviets will be the first ever to play in Spain's Men's League. The paper said a men's cologne firm was to pay a large part of Sabonis' contract in exchange for the player's appearances in product advertising. The paper said the terms of Homicius' contract were not known.

The paper said Sabonis and Homicius were likely to see a much smaller part of the money since the Soviet Basketball Federation and their Soviet team will get the largest sum.

Sabonis, a 7-foot, 3-inch centre, and Homicius, a 6-foot, three-inch guard, are friends and have been teammates with Zalgiris Kaunas team in the Soviet League.

Sabatini rallies to edge Provis

Hlasek fights back to tame Lavalle



Two spectators take shelter from the rain on Friday at the Roland Garros. (Reuters wirephoto)

PARIS, June 3, (AP): Gabriela Sabatini, three points from defeat, rallied to beat Nicole Provis of Australia 4-6 7-5 6-3 in the third round of the French Open tennis tournament today.

The second-seeded Argentine, bidding for her first Grand Slam tournament title, took advantage of two crucial lapses by her opponent to remain on course for a showdown with Steffi Graf in the final.

Graf is bidding for a sixth-straight Grand Slam tournament title. The 19-year-old West German needed only 62 minutes to blast Nicole Jagerman of the Netherlands 6-1 6-2 in her latest match yesterday.

On the men's side, sixth-seeded Jacob Hlasek of Switzerland battled long today to reach the round of 16 with a 4-6 1-3 6-3 6-4 victory over Leonardo Lavalle of Mexico.

Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, the No. 6 women's seed, had a far easier time as she dispatched Larissa Savchenko of the Soviet Union 6-1 6-2.

Provis, a semifinalist last year, returned to the scene of her finest Grand Slam performance and for more than a set had Sabatini on the defensive.

After a tentative start, Provis moved from 1-3 to 5-4, pinning Sabatini with a mixture of penetrating groundstrokes and accurate volleys.

The Australian clinched the opening set by breaking Sabatini with four clean winners, then broke through again for a 2-0 lead in the second set.

But suddenly, after walloping winners round the court, Provis began to spray errors as Sabatini slowed the game down with spins, lobs and drop shots.

Yesterday the rain helped Boris Becker get boozing again and brought out the best in Roland Agenor, but it turned Tim Mayotte into a loser.

Becker, the No. 2 men's seed, was struggling against British qualifier Jeremy Bates when their third-round match was halted yesterday after 47 minutes' play with the West German

ahead 5-4 in the opening set.

Five and half hours later, after Roland Garros had suffered its first soaking of the tournament, Becker and Bates resumed their match, and Becker, stepping up a gear, crushed Bates 7-5 6-2 6-1. He extended his 1989 match record to 31-4.

Results

Prefix number denotes seeding: Goran Ivanisevic (Yugoslavia) beat Mark Woodforde (Australia) 6-3 6-4 6-0; Lawson Duncan (US) beat Jerome Potier (France) 6-4 6-0 6-4; Jo-Anne Faull (Australia) beat 16-Susan Stosur (US) 6-3 6-1; 2-Gabriel Nicasio (Argentina) beat 17-Marcos Prado (Argentina) 6-4 7-5 6-3; 15-Marcos Joseff (Brazil) beat Niels Diaz (Brazil) 6-7 (3-7) 6-1 6-1; 6-Jakob Hlasek (Switzerland) beat Leonardo Lavalle (Mexico) 4-6 6-1 3-6 6-3; 4-Manuela Maleeva (Bulgaria) beat Larisa Savchenko (Soviet Union) 6-1 6-2.

TRANG, Thailand, June 3, (Reuters): Thai Sot Chitalada regained his World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight title from previously undefeated South Korean Kim Yong Kang today on a split decision.

Mark McNulty

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Volleyball stars

INGLEWOOD, California, June 3, (AP): Karch Kiraly, considered the world's best volleyball player, and Steve Timmons, who with Kiraly led the United States Olympic men's volleyball team to gold medals in 1984 and 1988, announced yesterday they are retiring from the national team effective next month.

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Panamanian boxer

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, June 3, (UPI): Panamanian boxer Roberto "Stone Fist" Duran, the four-time world champion, record yesterday that he will confront Sugar Ray Leonard in the ring "definitely some time this year."

Amateur boxing

ATHENS, June 3, (Reuters): Fights in the World Amateur Boxing Championships in Moscow this September will last five rounds instead of the previous three, a leading boxing official said yesterday.

Ladies golf

KOBE, Japan, June 3, (AP): Taiwan's Chen Li-Ying shot a 72 for a two-round total of 142 that lifted her into the lead today going into the final round of the Mitsubishi Electric Funtas ladies golf tournament.

Nick Faldo

WOBURN, England, June 3, (Reuters): Nick Faldo of Britain opened a one-shot lead with a second successive seven-under-par 65 on Saturday to move within sight of a Masters double and back-to-back victories.

NHL team

BLOOMINGTON, Minnesota, June 3, (AP): Minnesota North Stars owners George and Gordon Gund said yesterday they are committed to keeping the National Hockey League (NHL) team in Minnesota, despite losses of nearly \$10 million over the past two seasons.

English soccer

LONDON, June 3, (Reuters): Results of English League soccer's promotion play-off finals second-leg today.

Division Two

CRYSTAL PALACE 3 BLACKBURN 0 after extra time. (90 minutes 2-0, Crystal Palace won 4-3 on aggregate)

Division Three

PORT VALE 1 BRISTOL R 0 (Port Vale won 2-0 on aggregate)

Division Four

LEYTON O 2 WREXHAM 1 (Leyton Orient won 2-1 on aggregate)

South African ban should stay: Sheppard

JOHANNESBURG, June 3, (Reuters): Former England Test cricketer David Sheppard, now the Anglican bishop of Liverpool, said yesterday a boycott of South African cricket should continue despite efforts to integrate the sport.

Sheppard, in South Africa to attend an Anglican synod in Durban, said he was encouraged by the efforts of the South African Cricket Union (SACU) to take cricket to black townships.

But he said these small beginnings were insufficient to allow South African cricket back into the international fold.

"The separation of boys in schools where black schools are greatly overcrowded while there are 270,000 empty places in white schools, means that non-racial cricket is impossible for most schoolboys in South Africa," Sheppard said in a statement.

"It is inconceivable to me that the international pressure for change to non-racial sport in South Africa would be relaxed at this moment in history," he added.

The International Cricket Conference (ICC), the sport's world governing body, in January imposed bans of up to five years on foreign players maintaining cricketing links with the white-led republic after April 1.

South Africa, in a bid to end its world sporting isolation, has launched a programme in black townships to encourage non-whites to play cricket and to back its assertion on the sport is run along non-racial lines.

Critics say South Africa should be isolated until apartheid race laws are abolished.

Match drawn

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 3, (Reuters): Rain frustrated the Australian bowlers yesterday as the three-day cricket match against Warwickshire ended in a draw.

The game was abandoned at tea with Warwickshire 105 for three after being set an improbable victory target of 405.

Brazil name team for friendly

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 3, (Reuters): National soccer team coach Sébastien Lazaroni yesterday named Brazil's 18-player list for next Thursday's match against Portugal, at the Maracanã stadium here, and that a new list would be prepared for the three-match friendly European tour, set for later this month.

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Horse lifted off its feet

SHEFFIELD, England, June 3, (Reuters): Soccer fans outside the British stadium where 95 people died in a crowd surge last April were so tightly packed that they lifted a huge police horse off its feet, the inquiry into the disaster heard yesterday.

Inspector Paul Hand-Davis, the senior mounted policeman outside the Hillsborough stadium at Sheffield, said his horse Hussar, which weighs more than half a tonne, was immobilised by the crush of fans struggling to enter the ground.

"The horse was lifted by the crowd. He started to sway and I could tell his feet were not on the ground," he said.

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In Naples, Napoli officials gave little credence to the report, dismissing it initially as one of many rumours about Maradona's movements.

"Our response is to smile," a club spokesman said.

The spokesman said Napoli officials had not had an opportunity to speak to Maradona yet about the reported French move, adding that the Argentine captain had not appeared for training today.

Maradona had stated several times he would stay with Napoli until 1993 and that he looked on the southern Italian city as his second home.

Maradona has also said recently he hoped to end his career with Boca Juniors, his old Argentine club, after his contract with Napoli expired.

Maradona said after Marseilles won the League championship last month that he was seeking to make big

investments in a bid to win the European Cup next season.

West Germans Klaus Allofs and Karl-Heinz Foerster already play for Marseilles, although one of these would probably leave the club if Maradona joined.

Marseilles have won the French championship six times since the side was formed in 1898. But the club has often been torn by internal rivalries, mirroring the passionate atmosphere of the Mediterranean city for its gang warfare and international drug smuggling.

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